Thursday, August 21, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with TEXAS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED (TIBH), Austin, TX for custodial services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$976,274, with five 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$1,076,274 for the first extension option, \$1,176,274 for the second extension option, \$1,276,274 for the third extension option, \$1,376,274 for the fourth extension option, and \$1,476,274 for the fifth extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$7,357,644.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$27,864 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department. Funding for the remaining 11 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 122, Title 8, Human Resources Code, of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is an agreement to provide custodial services for various Community Care Services Department, Community Health Centers. The vendor will provide all equipment, labor and supplies that are necessary to maintain a clean and sanitary environment at Community Care sites. Sites will be added as capability to perform the contract is expanded by TIBH in accordance with the contract standards. Schedule will be mutually agreed upon by TIBH, CCSD and Building Services. Building Services currently provides these services and will reduce related custodial staff through normal attrition.

Currently, the City of Austin Building Services division is providing this service, but starting March 1, 2009 this service will no longer be available through the City of Austin. On this date, it is planned that the Community Care Services Department will be transferred to the Travis County Healthcare District. Responsibilities for building maintenance will also transfer to the District. At this time, the contract would be eligible for re-assignment to the Healthcare District.

TIBH is certified by the State Legislature to provide products and services to the State and its political subdivisions in compliance with Chapter 122, Title 8, Human Resources Code. Fair market prices are established by the Texas Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of Blind and Severely Disabled Persons.