

Thursday, August 28, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 43

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with Trane Building Services, Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of two replacement air handler units at the North Service Center Building for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$99,963.65.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$99,963.65 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Lupe Cruz, Buyer I/974-9142

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority– Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is to purchase two replacement air handler units on the mezzanine of the Austin Water Utility's North Service Center Building. Trane will provide and install the Tracer Summit Building Automation System consisting of panels, sensors, controllers, and temperature sensors.

Trane will also provide training on the use of the controls system, and will update the Trane Summit programming at the existing front-end computer at Waller Creek Building and on the customer's existing laptop computer at Waller Creek. The updates to the Waller Creek computer systems will allow for remote monitoring, adjustment, and diagnostics recognition of the North Service Center site by the facility operations group at Waller Creek.

Trane Building Services is under contract through TXMAS to provide these products to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.