

AGENDA



Thursday, August 28, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 45**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with ROCKFORD BUSINESS INTERIORS, Austin, TX for the purchase of sustainable office and lounge furniture for the Austin Convention Center Department in the amount of \$257,995.75.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

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 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.

This contract is for the purchase of lounge furniture and other certified green office furniture using the Greenguard Environmental Institute which carries the world's largest guide for selecting low emitting products and materials. The Austin Convention Center is in the process of remodeling old outdated payphone rooms, and other designated specific spaces to create permanent lounge areas for its guests. These areas will also be themed in such a way that they can be used as landmarks for guests attempting to connect with others during events

Rockford Business Interiors is under contract through TXMAS to provide office furniture 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.