Thursday, September 25, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 65

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract through the Texas Local Cooperative Purchasing Program (BuyBoard) with Southern Tire Mart, Ft. Worth, TX, for the purchase of tires and tubes in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,456,000, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$691,200 for the first extension option, \$829,440 for the second extension option, and \$995,328 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,971,968.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund. Funding for the remaining 24 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Fiscal Note: Cooperative Purchase.

For More Information: Steve Cocke, Buyer II/974-2003

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 Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the supply of new tires and tubes of various types and sizes necessary to maintain the City's Fleet of light, medium, heavy, off-road, and emergency vehicles and equipment used by various City departments. This contract is necessary to support the automotive and equipment fleet service centers with a reliable and continuous source of supply to purchase these products.

Fleet is establishing tire supply contracts with two separate contractors to insure prompt delivery. If one contractor is unable to provide the tires within the time period they are needed, then Fleet can place an order with the other company. A steady source of supply is critical to City of Austin operations.

Southern Tire Mart is under contract with BuyBoard to supply these products statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of these supplies.