

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 59**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with ROCKFORD BUSINESS INTERIORS, Austin, TX for the purchase and installation of carpet tile in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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.

For More Information: Mary Quintero-Herrera, Senior Buyer/974-3266.

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

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 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of carpet tile for the Convention Center's lounge areas.

The Austin Convention Center is in the process of remodeling old outdated payphone rooms and designating specific spaces to create permanent lounge areas for guests.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. The carpet will be purchased and installed following the LEED EB guidelines for carpet which includes recycling the old carpet, recycled content in the new carpet, and a no glue installation process. The use of carpet tiles will allow for easier, more cost effective carpet repairs in the future.

Rockford Business Interiors is under contract through TXMAS to provide these products and services 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.