

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 14-month requirements supply contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC., Houston, TX for the purchase of Snap-tite fire hoses and accessories in an estimated amount not to exceed \$129,870, with one 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$129,870, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$259,740.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$86,580 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining six months of the original contract period and extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

**For More Information:** Colleen Athey, Associate Buyer/972-4012

**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.

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This contract will provide the Austin Fire Department with replacement fire hoses and couplings that will be used on all City of Austin fire apparatus. Various diameter fire hoses (1 ¾", 2", 2 ½" high rise, 3", and 5") will be used to combat residential and commercial fires, along with wild land fire hoses that will be used to fight grass fires. Currently, approximately 14%-18% of in-service fire hoses are replaced each year due to normal wear and specific damage incurred while fighting fires.

Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist, Inc. is under contract with BuyBoard to provide Snap-tite fire hoses and accessories statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts allows the City to benefit from volume discount pricing.