

AGENDA



Thursday, April 2, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts for the purchase of modular office furniture through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (U.S. Communities)/Herman Miller with WORKPLACE RESOURCE, Austin, TX, for the Parks and Recreation Department in an amount not to exceed \$148,718.44, and for the Library Department in an amount not to exceed \$94,701.40.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$148,718.44 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$94,701.40 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Library Department.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

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.

These contracts are for the purchase, design, and installation of modular furniture for two City departments. One is for the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC), Administration Annex building. The PARC Planning, Design, and Construction Division is being relocated from the PARC Main Office to a City-owned renovated building located at 919 W. 28 1/2 Street that currently has no office furniture. The furniture currently being used by this division will remain at the PARC Main Office for other staff relocating to this space. The relocation of PARC staff will allow them to work more efficiently and alleviate overcrowding of current staff due to the loss of space at the Ronald McDonald House and Palmer Event site.

The other is for the Austin Public Library, Twin Oaks branch located at 1800 S. 5th Street that is scheduled to open in August 2009. This location will be getting modular workstations, work tables and chairs, and filing/bookcase units needed to equip this new 10,120 square foot library space.

This furniture is the same that is used at City Hall, One Texas Center and other various City office buildings.

This cooperative purchasing program was established as a national structure for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power and is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.