Thursday, April 23, 2009

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 42

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with TRANE U.S., INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of unitary heat pumps for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$88,914.25.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

**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 Government Code and no goals were established for this procurement.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for the replacement of four Trane packed heat pump units to be replaced in failed heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment plant. The current units are beyond repair and the new heat pumps are needed to restore the HVAC system to operational status. Without this purchase there will be no heating or cooling at the facility's Filter Complex.

The Trane Company is contracted through TXMAS to provide this equipment to other public entities statewide. 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.