

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 58

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with FACILITY SOLUTIONS GROUP, Austin, TX for the purchase and installation of lighting fixtures for the Austin Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$183,602.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

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

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 compact fluorescent lightbulb (CFL) recessed can fixtures in the Austin Convention Center (ACC). The CFL fixtures will replace existing high intensity discharge (HID) fixtures currently in place.

As part of ACC's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and the Austin Climate Protection initiative, the department will replace all HID-style fixtures. This replacement will eliminate HID down light fixtures from the pre-function area of the facility. In completing this project, ACC will reduce its overall carbon footprint, energy usage, and mercury content levels within the wastestream.

Facility Solutions Group is contracted through BuyBoard to supply these products and installation services 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 light fixtures.