

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 79**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with KONE ELEVATOR, San Antonio, TX for modernization of one geared passenger elevator for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$79,540.

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, Purchasing Manager, 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 Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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

This contract is for the complete modernization of one geared passenger elevator located at the South Austin Regional (SAR) Lift Station No. 2. Work will include a complete overhaul of elevator controllers, motor, car-top, hoist-way switches, car stations, and traveling cable. The elevator has been in service for over 21 years in a confined space building with continuous hydrogen sulfide gases that have deteriorated the controls and related cable, motor, and parts. Austin elevator consultants recommended replacement and upgrade of the elevator before we experience total failure.

This elevator is used by personnel to descend almost 100 feet to inspect, monitor and repair the six raw water pumps and controls at Lift Station #2. This unit is used 24 hours a day by Operations and Maintenance, Instrumentation and Electrical Maintenance staff.

Kone Elevator is contracted through TXMAS to provide this equipment 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.