

AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 68

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with ROCKFORD BUSINESS INTERIORS, Austin, TX for the purchase of furniture and fixtures for offices, conference rooms, and reception areas in an amount not to exceed \$615,175.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014

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.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of various types of furniture for offices, conference rooms, and reception areas to complete the Waller Creek Terrace Room reconfiguration project for the Austin Convention Center (ACC).

The furniture will include modular cubicles, floor-to-ceiling office walls, seating and work space for offices, reception lounges, and conference room tables and chairs. The majority of the products are made from recycled materials.

Convention Center customers work closely with various administrative work groups to book and plan their upcoming events. Currently, these work groups are located throughout the Convention Center. This furniture will allow these work groups to relocate to the newly-reconfigured Waller Creek Terrace Room resulting in improved customer service and increased efficiency during the various stages of event planning.

Rockford Business Interiors is under contract through TXMAS to supply this product statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. 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.