

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 75**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with MILLER UNIFORMS & EMBLEMS INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of fire retardant uniform shirts and trousers in an estimated amount not to exceed \$427,485, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$142,495 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$854,970.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$106,871 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 27 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid meeting specifications of two bids received.

**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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of medium blue fire retardant uniform shirts and navy blue trousers to be worn by fire fighting personnel. The uniforms are made of a fire retardant material and are designed to protect the fire fighter from heat and flame during fire fighting operations. Fire fighting personnel will wear these uniforms while on duty at the fire stations and during fire suppression operations. This contract will provide new uniforms for cadets, and for replacement of soiled or damaged uniforms on an as needed basis.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/9

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Two hundred and twenty-seven notices were sent, including three MBEs and nine WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. These uniforms are constructed of a different type of material with fire retardant qualities than what is currently under contract; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications. Miller Uniforms & Emblems is the current provider of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Materials Management's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.