

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 71**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with KNOLL, INC. and their local authorized distributor Shelton-Keller Group, Austin, TX for the purchase and installation of free standing conventional furniture and systems furniture at the Public Safety Training Facility in an amount not to exceed \$120,796.16.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This Cooperative Contract is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.

This contract is for the purchase of 67 office work stations needed to furnish the new administrative offices at the Public Safety Training Facility. This facility is used for the training of cadets and recertification of sworn personnel for the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services Department.

The furniture includes 30% pre-consumer recycle content and 35% post-consumer recycle content and a lifetime warranty with a manufacturer commitment of non-obsolescence allowing for future retrofits and upgrades of the furniture without having to invest in an entire new system of furniture. Each of the work stations shall include all of the following components, (1) overhead shelf, (1) fixed pedestal with box file drawers with lock and rails, (1) tack board under the overhead, (1) task light, (1) keyboard tray that will hold both the key board and the mouse in one continuous surface, and (1) 30" wide wardrobe.

This cooperative purchasing program was established as a national structure for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power and is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.