Thursday, July 29, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 58

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with MITCHELL TIME & PARKING, Austin, TX for products and services related to the upgrade of existing parking equipment and software for the Austin Convention Center Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$325,000, with one 36-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$150,000, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$475,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$175,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 24 months of the original contract period and the extension option 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: Aiden Cohen, Senior Buyer, 972-4008

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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 will allow the Austin Convention Center (ACCD) to upgrade its existing parking garage equipment and software to optimize revenue opportunities and provide enhancements to guest services. Through this upgrade, the ACCD parking facilities at 201 E. 2nd Street and 601 E. 5th Street will change from a "Pay on Entry" to a "Pay on Exit" method of revenue collection. This contract will allow for the relocation and installation of three exit pay stations, all equipment required to operate in conjunction with current City-owned equipment, and software necessary to support the seamless integration of all new and existing equipment and management information systems. This request also includes additional funding for future year purchases of parking services equipment and event management software.

This upgrade is part of a comprehensive strategy by ACCD to standardize and enhance existing equipment. In an effort to ensure system compatibility at all three ACCD parking facilities, the systems integration can only be accomplished by utilizing equipment and software manufactured by Amano McGann to seamlessly link to existing hardware and information systems.

This equipment is manufactured by Amano McGann, Inc. and sold exclusively by Mitchell Time & Parking, the sole authorized distributor of Amano McGann equipment and software in Austin, TX. Mitchell Time & Parking is the only company licensed by the manufacturer to sell, support, and maintain the complete line of parking equipment and software currently being utilized at all ACCD parking garages.