

AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 40**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 32-month requirements supply contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) cooperative purchasing program with FORD AUDIO-VIDEO, Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of audiovisual equipment for the Austin Convention Center Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$275,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 21 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.

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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 will allow for the purchase and installation of audiovisual equipment for the Austin Convention Center (ACC) and the Palmer Events Center (PEC). The types of equipment that will be purchased under this contract include speakers, amplifiers, and digital displays.

The current sound system has speakers and amplifiers that are over 20 years old and no longer provide sound quality that meets the business requirements of ACCD or its clients. Also, advancements in amplifier technology will allow for the installation of amplifiers with lower power consumption than the equipment currently in place.

The Purchasing Office conducted a price analysis to determine that the TXMAS contract was in the best interest of the City. Ford Audio-Video was found to offer the lowest price and will provide the widest array of products.

Ford Audio Visual is contracted through TXMAS to supply various types of audiovisual equipment and installation services statewide. 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 competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.