

AGENDA



Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 51**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 31-month requirements service contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) cooperative purchasing program with SIMPLEX GRINNELL L.P., Round Rock, TX, for inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, upgrades, and new system installation for fire suppression, alarm, and related systems for various City departments in an estimated amount not to exceed \$5,032,065.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,016,458 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of various City Departments. 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 2-9C 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 provide for the inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of existing fire alarm and fire suppression systems for various City of Austin buildings, as well as system upgrades and new system installations when necessary. City departments that will utilize this contract include the Aviation Department, Financial and Administrative Services Department, Library Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department. As new City facilities are built or existing contracts expire, additional departments and building locations may be added to this contract. This contract consolidates requirements previously conducted by individual departments.

The services provided under this agreement will cover fire suppression systems, air compressors, alarm panels, smoke and fire detectors, and other related equipment to comply with all applicable City of Austin building codes, state law, and National Fire Protection Association guidelines. Inspections and services will include the 5-year sprinkler obstruction test, testing of hydrants and backflow preventers, post indicator valves, duct detectors, pull stations, tamper switches, elevator control interfaces, smoke- or fire-door closures, smoke- or fire-vent dampers, water line valves, hydrostatic testing, fire alarm panels, hand-held fire extinguishers, and commercial kitchen hood systems.

The Purchasing Office conducted a price analysis to determine that the TXMAS contract was the best value to the City. The Simplex Grinnell contract offered the lowest prices and is able to provide a full range of services for existing City of Austin systems.

Simplex Grinnell is contracted through TXMAS to provide fire alarm, fire suppression system inspections, and preventative maintenance and repair services to public entities 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 that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.