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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10156	Agenda Number	33.
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Meeting Date:	October 20, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with ACE FIRE EQUIPMENT CO., INC., Austin, TX, or one of the other qualified bidders for IFB-BV No. PAX0210, for fire alarm and fire suppression maintenance and repairs at Convention Center facilities in an estimated amount not to exceed \$910,000, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$432,000 for the first extension option, \$518,400 for the second extension option, and \$622,080 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,482,480.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 24 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.

Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated bid of three bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded 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 solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of the fire alarm and fire suppression systems located at the Austin Convention Center, Palmer Events Center, and Convention Center parking garages. The contract will provide basic maintenance services for scheduled monthly, semi-annual, and annual inspections, as well as maintenance and repairs on an as-needed basis. Services provided under this agreement will comply with all applicable City of Austin and National Fire Protection Association guidelines as they relate to maintenance, repair, and inspections of life safety systems.

In order to determine the best value to the City, evaluation criteria included the labor rate and cost of materials.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with a bidder, who provides the best value to the City, that Council selects. If this bidder does not execute a contract with the City, staff will return to Council so that Council may select another best-value bidder and authorize a contract with this bidder.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 37/20

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB-BV NO. PAX0210

**Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression System Maintenance and Repair Services
(11 line items)**

Vendor

Total Bid for Sample Items

ACE Fire Equipment Co., Inc.
Austin, TX

\$189,080

Simplex Grinnell L.P.
Round Rock, TX

\$238,515

Firetrol Protection Systems, Inc.
Austin, TX

\$255,658

The expenditures for the first 12 months of this contract are estimated to be \$250,000.

A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Five hundred thirty-three notices were sent, including 37 MBEs and 20 WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 30.2% decrease to the last contract award in June 2008.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Convention Center Department recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.

