

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

3/21/13
Contract Management/Austin Convention Center

SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a construction contract with R.S. ELLIS, INC. DBE SOUTHWEST CORPORATION, for Austin Convention Center Electrical Upgrade 2013 in the amount of \$1,112,922 plus a \$166,938.30 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,279,860.30.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Austin Convention Center
Project Name:	Electrical Upgrade
Fund/Department/Unit:	8900-8207-4024
Funding Source:	Certificates of obligation
Current Appropriation:	1,600,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,458,816.62
Amount of This Action:	(1,279,860.30)
Remaining Balance:	<u>178,956.32</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The electrical needs of the Austin Convention Center have changed since the Austin Convention Center was built in 1992 and expanded to the North in 2002. More electrical power is needed, specifically in the main exhibit halls and into the pre-function areas. An initial electrical upgrade of the north exhibit halls was completed in 2008; however, an additional upgrade is needed to meet the growing needs of existing and new customers.

The upgrade will allow safer, easier, and more efficient utilization of existing building power. The additional power outlets will also allow greater space utilization for catering and concessions contractors in order to meet the growing food and beverage demands, which will generate additional revenue for the Austin Convention Center. The contract allows 315 working days for completion of this project. R.S. Ellis, Inc. DBA Southwest Corporation is located in Austin, TX.