



**Purchasing Modification  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a 12-month service agreement with SIMPLEXGRINNELL LP, Round Rock, TX, for full maintenance services for security alarm systems, fire alarm and suppression systems, and testing services in an amount not to exceed \$267,224, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$267,224 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$801,672.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$44,537 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 10 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.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Convention Center; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosemary Ledesma, Senior Buyer/974-2011

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** One bid received.

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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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This contract will establish a full maintenance service agreement including all parts and labor for maintaining the security alarm, fire alarm and fire suppression systems for the Austin Convention Center Department's facilities. The buildings subject to the agreement include the Austin Convention Center, Austin Convention Center garage, the Palmer Events Center and the Palmer Events Center garage. SimplexGrinnell will maintain these systems in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications to ensure the systems are in safe, proper operating condition. The maintenance includes inspections, routine monthly maintenance, quarterly maintenance and annual safety testing of the fire alarm and suppression systems coordinated with the Austin Fire Department. Annual sensitivity testing on all smoke and heat detectors will be conducted in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association regulations. The vendor will also be required to respond to emergency and callback requests to repair any malfunctions in the systems at no extra cost.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION**

IFB No. RL04300047

Full Service Maintenance for Security Alarm Systems and for  
Fire Alarm and Suppression Systems and Testing Services  
(14 line items)

**VENDOR**

SimplexGrinnell LP  
Round Rock, TX

**ANNUAL PRICE**

\$267,224

A complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. One bid received. Some of the vendors who received the solicitation package chose not to bid because they could not provide all of the services, or were not able to provide the services at this time.
- b. Twenty-eight notices were sent including one MBE. There are no known WBEs for this service. Five solicitations were issued. One bid was received.
- c. Annual costs for these services have increased significantly primarily due to addition of service requirements and locations receiving services. The previous contract amount was \$46,764 and it did not include security alarm and fire suppression systems maintenance. In addition, the Palmer Events Center and the garage buildings have been added to receive services under the contract.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. The Austin Convention Center Department concurs with the recommended award.
- b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.