



**RBA
AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve the negotiation and execution of four 12-month price agreements in a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 with GATZMEYER CONSTRUCTION, Austin, TX, RIATA ENTERPRISE, Austin, TX, ON CALL MANAGEMENT, Austin, TX, and SUNSTRIP, INC., Austin, TX, and two 12-month extension periods in a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each extension period for architectural barrier removal services for homes of persons with disabilities and elderly persons under the Architectural Barrier Removal Program.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds Year 29, 30 and 31 allocated in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation, and anticipated in CDBG grant fund Year 32 and 33 to be allocated in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 budgets of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation, subject to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development environmental review and fund release.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Housing Finance
DEPARTMENT: Corporation

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The purpose of the Architectural Barrier Removal Program is to increase the accessibility of homes of elderly and mobility-impaired homeowners and renters through the removal of architectural barriers in their homes, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes. Staff activities under this program include, but are not limited to:

- Develop and implement outreach efforts to publicize the program throughout the contract period
- Identify mobility impaired and elderly persons who qualify for program services
- Develop specifications for ABR activities
- Assist in the selection of competent contractors to modify or retrofit units
- Verify that barriers have been removed in accordance with specifications

Approval of this request will authorize a twelve-month price agreement with two twelve-month extensions. Future funding for the initial 12-month period is provided by CDBG funds allocated in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and contingent on allocations of funds in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. This contract provides construction services necessary for the removal of architectural barriers in the homes of elderly persons and persons with disabilities with income at or below 80% Median Family Income (MFI), currently \$56,500 for a family of four. These services include but are not limited to:

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- Installing ramps
- Reconfiguring bathrooms so that the disabled resident will be able to use the toilet and shower
- Installing adaptive equipment for bathrooms
- Installing lever type faucets
- Installing lever type door handles
- Installing shower wands
- Installing raised toilets
- Installing extended toilet seats
- Installing devices, buzzers, or flashing lights to aid the sight or hearing impaired persons for safety and mobility

The term of the price agreement is to be from date of award through September 30, 2006, with two twelve-month extension options. Funding is subject to environmental review and fund release.

This is a price agreement only, based on bids received from the vendors in answer to a citywide solicitation. The contractors will be placed on a rotation list, and assigned projects as they become available.