



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a personal services contract with FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES, Austin, TX, for support of community tax centers during the 2006 tax season, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Economic Growth and **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert
Redevelopment Services;

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

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.

Through the Community Tax Centers Program, Foundation Communities will provide free tax preparation assistance to low and moderate-income Austin residents. Foundation Communities will operate six locations for Austin residents. The contractor estimates that they will prepare more than 14,000 tax returns, with a net \$20 million in refunds to Austin residents.

Foundation Communities will also operate five special sessions for City employees at locations around Austin, including two at City Hall, one at Conley-Guerrero Senior Center, and the North and South Service Centers. City employees who make less than \$40,000 annually are eligible for these services.

Within four months of the conclusion of the tax season, the contract will provide a detailed written report on the program.

Foundation Communities is a nonprofit organization and a member of United Way Capital Area and NeighborWorks program.