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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION ITEM No. 45

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with GOMEZ FLOOR COVERING, INC., San Antonio, TX, for carpeting/flooring for the Palmer Events Center in an amount not to exceed \$58,724.57

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

For More Information: Vikie DeLuyck, MSW, Buyer/974-2003

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of approximately 16,000 square feet of carpeting and 3,100 square feet of rubber flooring. It also includes the labor to remove the existing carpeting/flooring and install the new products at the Palmer Events Center. The new carpet will be a higher grade with a heavier backing, it will be tufted and not woven, and it will be a neutral color that is less likely to show stains and wear patterns. Rubber flooring will be used in areas where frequent mopping is necessary (i.e., in front of restrooms, the service corridors, and behind the south concession stand). Additionally, the one inch thresholds are being replaced with wider aluminum thresholds, allowing better protection of the edges of the carpet and rubber flooring (specifically designed for higher traffic facilities).

The carpeting and flooring at the Palmer Events Center is in need of replacement as it has become worn in high traffic areas, frayed on the ends, and shows stains in many areas. The current flooring does not present a quality appearance to go with the high level of customer service expected by the clients renting space at the Palmer Events Center.

Gomez Floor Covering, Inc. is contracted as a distributor with Mohawk Carpeting though the TXMAS. This cooperative purchasing program established by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission, allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.