Thursday, February 25, 2010

## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 47

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 22-month requirements service contract through U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with KONE, INC., Austin, TX to provide elevator preventative maintenance, repair, and modernization services at various City facilities in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,803,450, with one 24-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,360,880 for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$4,164,330.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$573,825 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of various City Departments. Funding for the remaining 15 months of the original contract period and extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

This contract will provide elevator preventative maintenance, repair, and modernization services at various City-owned buildings. City departments that will utilize this contract include Austin Convention Center, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Austin Police Department, Financial and Administrative Services Department, Municipal Court, and Austin Water Utility. As existing contracts expire and new City facilities are built, additional departments and building locations may be added to this contract.

Kone, Inc. will provide the equipment, transportation, and labor necessary to perform preventative maintenance and repairs, as well as the inspections and licenses required by the State of Texas. If needed during the term of the contract, Kone, Inc. will also be able to modernize existing City elevators and provide advice regarding equipment planning.

In response to the City's Green Purchasing Program, Kone, Inc. will offer a plant-based hydraulic fluid as an alternative to petroleum-based hydraulic fluid, which contributes to poor indoor air quality and can contaminate ground water.

Kone, Inc. is contracted through U.S. Communities to provide elevator maintenance and repair services to other public entities nationally. This cooperative purchasing program was established as a national structure for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power.