Thursday, April 29, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 35

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with TEXAS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED, INC. (TIBH), Austin, TX for temporary personnel services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$600,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$83,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 31 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.

For More Information: Aiden Cohen, Senior Buyer, 972-4008

Purchasing Language: General Exemption

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 contract is authorized through Chapter 122, Title 8 of the Human Resources Code, and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide temporary personnel for the Austin Convention Center Department (ACCD) and the Palmer Events Center. This temporary services contract will supplement ACCD personnel for short periods of time, particularly during large City and community events held at ACCD facilities. TIBH will provide temporary personnel as needed to perform custodial duties, assisting maintenance personnel, event setups and changeovers, and other labor as required to assist ACCD staff. ACCD estimates that they will require up to 13,000 labor hours per year.

TIBH Industries provides training and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop marketable skills. TIBH is certified by the State Legislature to provide products and services to the State and its political subdivisions in compliance with Chapter 122, Title 8, of the Human Resources Code. Fair market prices are established by the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities.