

AGENDA



Thursday, May 13, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of an 11-month requirements supply contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with MILLER UNIFORMS & EMBLEMS, INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of emergency response jackets for the Austin Fire Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining six months of the original contract period 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: Colleen Athey, Buyer I/972-4012

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract 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.

This contract will provide a constant supply of emergency response cold weather jackets for Austin firefighters.

These jackets are compliant with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1999) standards and will be worn by Austin firefighters responding to a variety of medical, rescue, and fire calls. These jackets will provide weather protection for the firefighter as well as protection against gasoline, hydraulic fluid, battery acid, and blood born pathogens such as hepatitis and HIV.

Miller Uniforms & Emblems, Inc. is contracted through BuyBoard to supply various types of protective clothing and equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's protective clothing order.