Thursday, June 24, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 57

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 14-month requirements service contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with GOVDEALS, INC., Montgomery, AL for auction services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$30,600 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund. Funding in the amount of \$10,625 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Federal Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$1,275 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Materials Management. Funding for the remaining eleven 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: Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014

MBE/WBE: This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 contract.

This contract is for auction services to sell the City's surplus fleet vehicles and equipment, office furniture, small tools, power tools, electronics, computers, and other miscellaneous items.

GovDeals Inc. is the leading source for selling surplus materials, equipment, and vehicles for government entities. It provides a means for government entities to list items for sale and for potential buyers to bid upon those items via an Internet based auction system. The web-based application used by GovDeals ("GovDeals Auction Server") allows users to submit items to auction and at the same time to maintain information about those assets. GovDeals provides assistance and research to determine comparable/fair market values, provides marketing of on-line auction service to potential buyers, and has a staffed help desk on weekdays. They also provide training and support services either on-site or via telephone and the Internet.

GovDeals, Inc. is contracted through BuyBoard to provide auction services to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts allows the City to benefit from volume discount pricing.