



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Facilities Solutions Group Inc., for the purchase and installation of a new Austin Convention Center marquee, in an amount not to exceed \$105,143.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Convention Center Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide for the removal of an existing marquee sign and replace it with a new state of the art and energy efficient model. The sign is located on the west side of the Austin Convention Center, at the Trinity and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection. The new marquee will allow the Austin Convention Center Department the ability to communicate and externally display safety, public health, and upcoming show and event information effectively with residents, visitors, customers, and clients.

The Texas Association of School Boards (BuyBoard) cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that

can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The current, old marquee is non-functioning and will continue to be in a state of disrepair if not replaced.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Safety, Health and Environment.