



**Purchasing Supply Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with AIRGAS SOUTHWEST, Austin, TX, for medical grade oxygen for the Emergency Medical Services Department and the Austin Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$87,487.50, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$87,487.50 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$262,462.50.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$6,603 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$687 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 11 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing	DIRECTOR'S
DEPARTMENT: for Fire; Emergency Medical Services;	AUTHORIZATION: <u>Vickie Schubert</u>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mick Osborne, Senior Buyer/974-2995

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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 solicitation.

This contract will provide medical grade oxygen for use in Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) and Austin Fire Department (AFD) applications. Medical grade oxygen is administered to patients to increase the oxygen saturation level in their blood.

Oxygen cylinders are to be provided in three sizes - "M9" for use in bike and wilderness rescue kits, "D" for portable use by medic units and fire apparatus, and "K" for onboard use in ambulances and STARFlight helicopters. The contractor will provide same day service, picking up empty cylinders and delivering full cylinders. The contractor will also provide hydrostatic testing of cylinders, replacement of cylinder valves and emergency rental of additional cylinders on an as-needed basis.

The "M9" and "D" cylinders used by EMS and AFD are city-owned. The "K" cylinders are rentals provided by the vendor.

EMS maintains seven sites where ambulance crews can re-stock oxygen cylinders and six sites where on-board systems can be refilled. STARFlight onboard system refill stations are located at the Brackenridge helicopter pad and at the aircrafts' hangar. The AFD oxygen cylinder program is managed by AFD Air Shops on 51st Street.



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MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION
IFB # MO05300331
MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN
(18 LINE ITEMS- approx. 20,250 cylinder refills per year)**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
AIRGAS SOUTHWEST Austin, TX	\$87,487.50
 Precision Oxygen & Supply Austin, TX	 \$140,715.84

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twelve notices were sent. There are no MBE or WBE firms listed under this commodity code. Two solicitations were issued. Two bids were received.
- c. The pricing offered represent an approximate 1.2% increase from the previous contract awarded September 2002.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bidder.
- b. The departments concur with the recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.