

AGENDA



Thursday, April 8, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 15-month requirements service contract with IPS GROUP INC., San Diego, CA, for the purchase of a single space parking meter system including equipment, training, installation, and a 5-year warranty in an estimated amount not to exceed \$512,650, with five 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$59,400 per extension option, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$809,650.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$453,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department, Parking Enterprise Division. Funding in the amount of \$59,400 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department, Parking Enterprise Division. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

The Austin Transportation Department Parking Enterprise Division is requesting to purchase this hardware solution to replace aging and failing single space parking meter mechanisms. The new mechanisms will accept credit card payments for parking meter fees. The IPS single space parking meter product solution has the capability to easily expand or upgrade the City's current single space parking meter mechanisms to accept coins, credit/debit card and/or smart card. It is a low maintenance modular design and drop-in replacement mechanism that will use the existing meter housings and poles.

The IPS single space parking meter solution provides parking meter enhancement with the credit card enabled mechanism. The enhancement will facilitate simple and consistent user experience for customers while also providing additional payment options and wireless access to data. No other parking meter mechanism vendors can currently provide a credit card mechanism with direct retrofit that works with the existing single space poles and lower housings owned by the City of Austin. The meter is battery powered and a solar array keeps the battery charged. No external power supply is required to run to the meter.

Primary and unique features of the IPS meter are:

- Each meter is wirelessly networked (digital cellular) to a web-based management system
- Does not require any additional wireless infrastructure to be installed, other than the meter itself
- Each meter mechanism has an integrated credit card, debit card, and contact smart card reader
- Solar powered with rechargeable battery pack (3-year battery life)
- Web-based management system provides 24/7 access to parking data to authorized users and allows for remote update of meter configurations

- The IPS system meets payment card industry standards for security
- Interfaces with the City's pay and display multi-space meter system

The extension options are for continuing costs related to on-going license fees, communications charges, and transaction fees.