

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	14120	Agenda Number	37.
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Meeting Date:	April 5, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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## Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month professional service contract with FUNDAMENTALS GROUP, INC., dba TXP INC., for economic analysis and public policy consulting services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000 with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$100,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$600,000.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is included in the 2011-2012 Operating Budgets of various City Departments. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Professional Services.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This professional services contract 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.
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## Additional Backup Information

This contract is for economic analysis and public policy consulting services. Due to the wide array of governmental services provided by the City, including transportation, utility and economic development initiatives, the City needs to retain an economic advisory firm with expertise in measuring the potential impact of public policy changes. The firm must devise creative approaches based on sound research and analysis and deliver timely and thoughtful analysis to facilitate a solid decision making process and achievement of the City management's policy objectives.

TXP, Inc. will provide services to the Budget Office to present Council and City staff with information and analysis regarding the city of Austin's economic outlook in order to assist with budgetary planning.

The City declares this project to be a professional services contract exempt from Texas Government Code, Chapter 252.022 (a) (4) since the services provided under the contract are of an intellectual nature and require special training, experience, skills and education.