

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	38105	<b>Agenda Number</b>	71.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	December 11, 2014			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
Authorize recurring exempted sole source procurements for the following categories: electronic subscriptions, permits, postage, professional dues, memberships, and licenses, under Texas Local Government Code 252 for expenditures to conduct routine City business with multiple agencies and vendors in a total amount not to exceed \$7,010,000.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budgets for various City Departments.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Exempt Purchases - Sole Source			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	█			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Mike Benson, Chief Administrative Officer, 512-974-2032			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	December 10, 2014 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	These expenses will be expended in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established.			
<b>Related Items:</b>	█			

**Additional Backup Information**

The City routinely enters into transactions that are exempt from State of Texas competitive procurement law. While exempt from competitive procurement law, these routine transactions can exceed the City Manager's authority when aggregated for an entire fiscal year. The following table identifies the anticipated agency and vendor, and provides both a short description of the expenditure and the estimated amount to be expended for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. It is anticipated that a similar RCA will be brought forward each fiscal year.

In the event that a specific vendor identified below discontinues services or is otherwise not available to provide the required goods and services, the City will attempt to use a similar vendor to fulfill the City's requirements without returning for additional Council action. For example, should one of the providers of electronic subscription services no longer provide the service, the City will attempt to acquire an alternate provider, subject to the same anticipated expenditure level.

Vendor	Description	Amount
<b>LGC 252.022 (a) (7A) items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies</b>		
Cengage Learning	Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 110,000
Proquest LLC	Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 100,000
Bloomberg LP	Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 70,000
Other Vendors combined	Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 750,000
Texas Commission On Environmental Quality	Permits	\$ 900,000
U S Postal Service	Postage	\$ 2,750,000
Neopost USA Inc.	Postage	\$ 700,000
Other Vendors combined	Postage	\$ 50,000
American Public Power Assn	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 120,000
Large Public Power Council	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 115,000
Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council Inc.	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 100,000
Capital Area Council Of Governments	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 95,000
Water Research Foundation	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 90,000
M.J. Bradley & Associates, LLC	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 85,000
Airports Council International NA	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 75,000
Other Vendors combined	Professional Dues and Memberships	\$ 750,000
Texas Commission On Fire	Professional Licenses	\$ 150,000
		<b>\$ 7,010,000</b>