

Legislative File No: 2008-0604

TO:	Mayor and City Council Members	
FROM:	Jean Farris, Supervisor of Procurement	
DATE:	November 24, 2008	
SUBJECT:	Office Supplies and Equipment	

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize a blanket purchase order to Office Depot Business Services Division, Plymouth, Michigan, and other office supply vendors as appropriate, for offices supplies and equipment in the amount not-to-exceed \$87,650.00 through December 31, 2009.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The City of Rochester Hills utilizes the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance office supply contract in conjunction with the participation of approximately 40 cities within the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network for the purchase of office supplies and equipment. This national contract has over 30,000 participating government agencies. The program includes a catalog of 4,000 frequently ordered items discounted up to 70% off the manufacturers' list price, a list of 500 high usage items discounted at an average of 85% off the list price and the remainder of the full-line Business Services Division catalog items at up to 45% off list price. Also, Office Depot provides on-line ordering with next day delivery directly to the departments, including the off-site buildings, and assigns an account representative to conduct on-site customer service.

In addition, the City receives a 1% reimbursement off its annual expenditures by participating in Office Depot's electronic ordering system for at least 80% of its transactions. Annual cost rebates equal to 0.5% to 5% of the aggregate sales volume of the MITN cooperative (\$2.1 million) is also an extended benefit. Each city receives a rebate based on its percentage of the total sales volume of the cooperative.

Other available cooperative contracts were reviewed with Office Depot providing the best value for the mix of products purchased by the City of Rochester Hills. Additional cost savings will be pursued through the use of alternative vendors and products.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address: Office Depot Business Services Division 909 N. Sheldon Road Plymouth, MI 48170

Reason for Selection:

Best Value

Method of Purchase:

U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance/Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network

BUDGET:

	Department	Account No.	Budget		Remaining
Fund Name	Account No	Description	Amount	Cost	Budget
Various	727000	Office Supplies	\$87,650	\$87,650	0

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		

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