

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 49**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with GRANDE TRUCK CENTER, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of two specialized workshop/cargo trucks in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management through the State of Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management State Administrative Agency (GDEM-SAA) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Ron Mazarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative purchase.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract is for the purchase of two specialized workshop/cargo trucks that will be assigned to the Bomb Squad Division of the Austin Police Department. These vehicles will be equipped with communications equipment, work benches, lift gate, winch, and storage for specialized disaster response equipment. These trucks will be used to transport chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) response equipment and personnel to incident sites. They will respond to local emergencies as well as State and Federally declared disasters and mutual aid requests and will be used in various local and mutual aid training exercises.

Both of these trucks are equipped with diesel powered engines. The City of Austin currently uses TXLed diesel fuel approved by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TXLed consists of the EPA compliant ULSD (ultra low sulfur diesel) and the Oryxe additive. EPA compliant diesel fuel treated with ORYXE LED was tested at the internationally-recognized West Virginia University National Research Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines and Emissions, which found the following significant reductions in emissions of carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen and total hydrocarbons compared to untreated EPA compliant diesel. Fleet is currently exploring the use of B20 (bio diesel) with particular focus on investigating its impact on reducing Carbon Dioxide (data limited) and NOx, as well as the impact on engine components.

Grande Truck Center is under contract with BuyBoard to supply equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the equipment.