

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 62**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX, for the purchase of one service line construction truck and one aerial bucket truck in an amount not to exceed \$152,632.56.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$70,926.78 is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding in the amount of \$81,705.78 is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, 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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract provides for the purchase of one service line construction truck that will be assigned to the Systems Operations and Reliability Division of the Austin Energy Department to pull underground conductor. This division performs construction and maintenance tasks, and is the first to respond to power outages.

Also, this contract includes the purchase of both an aerial bucket and Ford truck. A 40-foot aerial bucket will be mounted on a Ford F-550 truck that will be assigned to the Electrical Maintenance Section of the Austin Water Utility (AWU). This truck is necessary to support the preventive maintenance program of the water and wastewater treatment facilities to access equipment in a safe manner that is beyond the reach of ladders and scaffolds.

These vehicles have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, effected Department Directors and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the departments' proposed equipment is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the service truck to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair cost and loss of productivity due to down time.

Both of these units 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.

Philpott Motors 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.