

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 34**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX for the purchase of 118 police patrol sedans in an amount not to exceed \$2,798,110.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** A budget amendment to fund this purchase is on the agenda as a related item.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached to the RCA for the budget amendment.

**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 Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract is for the purchase of 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police pursuit sedans that will be equipped with flexible fuel (E85) capability as a standard feature. E85 is a fuel mixture that contains 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. Using ethanol not only reduces the U.S. dependency on foreign oil, it also produces approximately 20% fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

The contract includes the purchase of 81 replacement and 37 new Ford Crown Victoria police patrol sedans that will be assigned to the Austin Police Department. One hundred eight of the sedans are equipped with black and white color scheme, light bars, sirens, and prisoner cages, and will be used as regular patrol sedans. Ten of the sedans are equipped with regular color scheme and spot lights, and will be used for detective and administrative duties.

These vehicles have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, Department Directors and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

All 81 replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and have determined that the mileage of the vehicles proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking significant increases in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

The 37 additional units were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval. These vehicles are needed for new patrol officer positions.

Philpott Motors is under contract with the BuyBoard to supply various types of vehicles statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order. This contract will allow the

City to avoid a price increase of \$700 per vehicle by issuing a purchase order no later than August 31, 2007.