

AGENDA



Thursday, January 17, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LTD., Austin, TX for the purchase of one truck cab & chassis and mounted aerial device in an amount not to exceed \$868,736.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this procurement.

This contract is for the purchase of one 167-foot aerial device manufactured by Bronto Skylift N.A., Westfield, MA, and one 67,000 pound Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) cab & chassis manufactured by International Truck and Engine Corporation, Warrenville, Illinois. The aerial device will be mounted onto the cab & chassis to form a unit that will be assigned to the Overhead Power Transmission Division of the Austin Energy Department (AE).

This equipment will be used for the construction and maintenance of overhead power transmission lines which are much higher than distribution network lines that supply power to individual homes and businesses. Over the past 10 years, the towers that support these lines have been increasing in height. This aerial device provides the height and reach to work on this infrastructure safely and efficiently. The standard cab and chassis will allow operation in tighter quarters and will have minimal effect on traffic.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. This criteria is applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

This vehicle is powered by bio diesel fuel.

This truck and equipment has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the 17 year old aerial device to be replaced and has determined that the mileage and hours of use cannot be increased without risking significant repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time and difficulty obtaining replacement parts.

MBE/WBE Sent: 0/0

MBE/WBE BID: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Nineteen notices were sent. There are no known MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received.
- c. This is the first purchase of this size aerial device; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's and Fleet Services' recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.