

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 31, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 66**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with SANTEX TRUCK CENTERS, LTD., San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of three truck cab & chassis and mounted hot patch bodies in an amount not to exceed \$333,130.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is 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 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract is for the purchase of one new and two replacement hot patch trucks that will be assigned to the Street & Bridge Division of the Public Works Department. The new truck will support the newly formed Traffic Calming program. The traffic calming construction team will be installing street humps, traffic circles, and chicanes on Austin roadways to force traffic to move at a slower rate of speed. One of the replacement trucks will be used to support the asphalt overlay program, and the other will support the sealcoat program. These trucks are necessary in the street preparation process for overlay and sealcoat applications, to level existing road surfaces and fill pot holes prior to the final layers of asphalt application.

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. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

These vehicles are powered by diesel engines that are able to operate on bio diesel fuel.

These trucks and equipment have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the units 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. The new hot patch truck was also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Santex Truck Centers, Ltd. 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.