

AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 29

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with: PLANET DODGE, Humble, TX, for the purchase of 28 bio-diesel equipped service body trucks in an amount not to exceed \$1,527,269, and PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 4 bio-diesel equipped service body trucks in an amount not to exceed \$168,211.32.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$420,563.32 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$38,305 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center. Funding in the amount of \$42,063 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding in the amount of \$80,206 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Parks & Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$744,065 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$195,366 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding in the amount of \$174,912 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Street & Bridge Division 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.

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

These contracts include the purchase of 32 service body trucks for a total dollar amount of \$1,695,480.32.

Included in this purchase, are four new and 28 replacement truck cab and chassis with mounted service bodies to be distributed among the Parks and Recreation Department, Health and Human Services Department, Austin Water Utility, Austin Energy, Austin Convention Center, Aviation Department, and the Street & Bridge Division of the Public Works Department. Included in this purchase are the following service body trucks:

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- 1 Dodge 2500 Platform Welding Service Truck - Replacement
- 1 Dodge 2500 Service Body Truck w/ Liftgate and Racks - Replacement
- 3 Dodge 2500 Service Body Trucks w/ Liftgate - Replacement
- 2 Dodge 2500 Service Body Truck w/ Racks - New
- 1 Dodge 4500 w/ 4 Cubic Yard Dump Body - Replacement

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

4 Ford F350 Cab & Chassis w/ Animal Bodies - Replacement

AUSTIN WATER UTILITY:

4 Dodge 3500 Service Body Trucks w/ Valve Operator - Replacement

6 Dodge 3500 Service Body Trucks w/ 3200# Crane - 1 New, 5 Replacement

1 Dodge 4500 Service Body Truck w/ 3200# Crane - Replacement

1 Dodge 3500 Service Body Truck - Replacement

AUSTIN ENERGY:

3 Dodge 4500 4x4 Service Body Trucks - 1 New, 2 Replacement

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER:

1 Dodge 3500 Service Body Truck w/ Fixed Stake Bed - Replacement

AVIATION DEPARTMENT:

1 Dodge 3500 Service Body Truck w/ Stake Bed & Liftgate -Replacement

PUBLIC WORKS STREET & BRIDGE:

2 Dodge 4500 Service Body Trucks - Replacement

1 Dodge 5500 Service Body Truck - Replacement

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 equipped to operate on bio-diesel fuel.

The vehicles in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, effected 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.

Departments reviewed 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 were determined within the departments, and the departments' proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

Of the 28 replacement vehicles, all have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The four new vehicles were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

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