

## AGENDA



Thursday, April 10, 2008

**Purchasing Office**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 40

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) with SANTEX TRUCK CENTERS, LTD., San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of 29 biodiesel equipped heavy trucks in an amount not to exceed \$2,759,852.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$588,385 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$475,256 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$167,136 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding in the amount of \$1,221,131 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$307,944 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department.

**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 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of eight new and 21 replacement heavy trucks that will be assigned to the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Services Department, Watershed Protection & Development Review Department, Austin Water Utility, and Austin Energy for use in various maintenance and construction activities.

Included in this purchase are the following trucks:

**PUBLIC WORKS, STREET & BRIDGE**

- 5 10-12 Cubic Yard Dump Trucks – Replacement
- 2 Platform Trucks, Crew Cab – Replacement

**SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

- 1 Truck Tractor – Replacement
- 1 12 Cubic Yard Dump Truck – Replacement
- 1 Hybrid Platform Trucks with Knuckleboom Loader – New
- 1 Platform Trucks with Knuckleboom Loader – New

**WATERSHED PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT**

- 2 12 Cubic Yard Dump Trucks with Rock Body – 1 New, 1 Replacement

**AUSTIN WATER UTILITY**

- 8 12 Cubic Yard Dump Trucks – 4 New, 4 Replacement
- 3 Truck Tractors – 1 New, 2 Replacement
- 1 Platform Truck – Replacement
- 2 Water Service Trucks – Replacement

#### AUSTIN ENERGY

- 1 Truck Tractor – Replacement
- 1 Hybrid Platform Truck with Aerial Device - New

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.

Twenty-seven of these vehicles are powered by diesel engines that are able to operate on biodiesel fuel. One knuckleboom loader truck and one truck-mounted aerial device are powered by biodiesel/electric hybrid engines.

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

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.

All of the replacement trucks 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 truck proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The seven new vehicles were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Santex Truck Centers, Ltd. is under contract with H-GAC to supply equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the H-GAC contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the equipment.