

## AGENDA



Thursday, April 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 54

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of five contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with: RDO EQUIPMENT CO., Pflugerville, TX for the purchase of four articulated wheeled loaders, ten tractor/loader/backhoes, two skid steer loaders, and one hydraulic excavator in an amount not to exceed \$1,892,603.78; VERMEER OF TEXAS, Round Rock, TX for the purchase of two brush chippers in an amount not to exceed \$74,616; TYMCO INTERNATIONAL, LTD, Waco, TX for the purchase of one street sweeper in an amount not to exceed \$163,779; COOPER EQUIPMENT CO., San Antonio, TX for the purchase of three low bed equipment trailers, one asphalt rollers, two crack sealers, and one motor grader in an amount not to exceed \$467,080.60; KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC., Arlington, TX for the purchase of one street sweeper in an amount not to exceed \$149,508.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$74,616 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$214,254.60 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Special Revenue Fund of the Parks & Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$69,669 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$1,370,011.03 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$413,679.75 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$237,629 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$367,728 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection & Development Review Department.

**Fiscal Note:** Fiscal notes are attached.

**For More Information:** Ron Mazzearella, 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.

This contract is for the purchase of four new and 24 replacement pieces of heavy equipment. The equipment will be distributed between Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility, Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Services Department, and the Watershed Protection & Development Review Department.

Included in this purchase are the following pieces of equipment:

Austin Energy  
1 Detachable Gooseneck Low Bed Trailer, 55,000# Capacity - Replacement

#### Austin Water Utility

- 2 Articulating Wheel Loaders - Replacement
- 2 Skid Steer Loaders - Replacement
- 6 Medium Tractor/Loader/Backhoes - Replacement
- 1 Heavy Tractor/Loader/Backhoe - Replacement
- 1 Hydraulic Track Excavator - Replacement
- 1 Detachable Gooseneck Low Bed Trailer, 55,000# Capacity - Replacement

#### Parks and Recreation

- 2 Brush Chippers - Replacement
- 1 Heavy Tractor/Loader/Backhoe - New
- 1 Motor Grader - New

#### Public Works – Street and Bridge

- 1 Articulating Wheel Loader - Replacement
- 1 Vibratory Asphalt Rollers - Replacement
- 2 Trailer-Mounted Crack Sealers - Replacement
- 1 Regenerative Air Street Sweeper - Replacement

#### Solid Waste Services

- 1 Regenerative Air Street Sweeper - Replacement
- 1 Detachable Gooseneck Low Bed Trailer, 55,000# Capacity - New

#### Watershed Protection and Development Review

- 1 Articulating Wheel Loader - Replacement
- 1 Heavy Tractor/Loader/Backhoe - New
- 1 Extra Heavy Tractor/Loader/Backhoe – Replacement

The contracts include the purchase of 28 pieces of equipment for a total dollar amount of \$2,747,587.38.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle and equipment 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.

The majority of this equipment is self-propelled by a diesel powered engine that is capable of burning bio diesel. One of the street sweepers is powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). The low bed equipment trailers are non-powered and will be towed behind city-owned trucks.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Manager (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 equipment has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each piece 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 pieces of equipment were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

The vendors named in this RCA are under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of equipment 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 equipment on order.