

AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 52**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of three contracts through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with EQUIPMENT SOUTHWEST, Irving, TX for the purchase of one truck-mounted dump body with front loader attachment in an amount not to exceed \$86,292.50; with PLANET DODGE, Humble, TX for the purchase of four platform trucks and one service body truck in an amount not to exceed \$218,381; and with FREIGHTLINER OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for the purchase of one volumetric concrete mixer truck and one step van service truck in an amount not to exceed \$262,140.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$129,868 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$157,784 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Development and Review Department. Funding in the amount of \$86,292.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$192,869 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: For Watershed Protection Development and Review Department, there is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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.

The contract with Equipment Southwest is for the purchase of one 10-12 cubic yard dump body with front loader attachment to be mounted on a city-owned International truck cab and chassis that was purchased under a separate contract and will be assigned to the Solid Waste Services Department. This vehicle will support the Brush and Bulky program administered by the Solid Waste Services Department by loading and removing tree limbs and brush that have been placed at the curb by Austin residents.

The contract with Planet Dodge is for the purchase of four new platform trucks to be assigned to the Watershed Protection Development and Review Department to support the Right-of-Way Management Safety Barricade Program. These trucks are used to haul, distribute, and set-up safety barricades, traffic cones, and signs along routes of special events such as runs, bicycle races, walks, etc. to manage traffic flow for the safety of event participants and spectators. The replacement service body truck to be assigned to the Austin Fire Department will be used to support the Haz-mat and Special Rescue Operations unit.

The contract with Freightliner of Austin is for the purchase of one replacement volumetric concrete mixer truck that will be assigned to the Street and Bridge Division of the Public Works Department to support

the Utility Cut Repair Program. This truck will be used to mix varying amounts of concrete for each individual job site where concrete installation is required. This type mixer truck differs from a standard concrete mixer truck since it has the capability of mixing whatever amount of concrete is needed on-site. The replacement step van service truck, to be assigned to the Austin Fire Department, will be used to support the Air Tech division by providing on-site testing and repair of air storage bottles and related air apparatus.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection staff 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 a diesel engine that is able to operate on biodiesel fuel.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Director 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 recommended vendors are 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.