

AGENDA



Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX for the purchase of two cab and chassis with mounted animal control bodies in an amount not to exceed \$79,365.66.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health & Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

Purchasing Language:

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 two new cab and chassis with mounted animal control bodies that will be assigned to new full-time employees with the Animal Services Division of the Health & Human Services Department.

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 Ford F350 truck cab and chassis that are equipped with engines that are capable of operating on biodiesel fuel.

The vehicles in this RCA have 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. These new vehicle requests were sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Philpott Motors is under contract with BuyBoard to supply vehicles 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.