

AGENDA



Thursday, October 23, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 40**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 67 police patrol sedans in an amount not to exceed \$1,627,471.19; and with CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET, Caldwell, TX for the purchase of two police pursuit Chevrolet Tahoes and one unmarked police package Chevrolet Impala in an amount not to exceed \$81,884.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,413,140.35 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$296,214.84 (12 Crown Victoria vehicles) is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

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

For More Information: Steve Cocke, Fleet Buyer/974-2003

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of 70 police vehicles, including: 55 replacement Ford Crown Victoria police patrol sedans, 12 new Ford Crown Victoria police patrol sedans, two replacement police package Chevrolet Tahoes, and one replacement unmarked police package Chevrolet Impala that will be assigned to the Austin Police Department.

Fifty-two of the sedans are equipped with black and white color scheme, light bars, sirens, and prisoner cages. Ten of the sedans are equipped with black and white color scheme, light bars, sirens, and rear window barriers and will be used as regular patrol sedans. Five of the sedans are equipped with regular color scheme and spot lights and will be used for detective and administrative duties. Two Chevrolet Tahoes are equipped with black and white color scheme, light bars, and sirens. The one Chevrolet Impala is equipped with solid black color scheme and an unmarked police package.

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

The 58 replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced and have determined that the mileage of the vehicles proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking significant increases in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

The 12 additional Ford Crown Victorias were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval. These vehicles will be issued by recently hired patrol officers.

The 2009 Ford Crown Victorias, Tahoes and Impala police vehicles will be equipped with flexible fuel (E85) capability as a standard feature.

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