

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 57**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with FREIGHTLINER OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for the purchase of one Mobile Outreach Vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$74,995.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$74,995 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 HIV Prevention Grant funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

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

**For More Information:** Steve Cocke Buyer II /974-2003

**Purchasing Language:** Sole bid received.

**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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of a mobile outreach vehicle that will be assigned to the Health Department to provide risk reduction counseling and testing services in a more acceptable environment to those at greatest risk for HIV/STD infections. The Mobile Outreach Vehicle will be small enough to fit a normal parking space, and could be parked on a street without obstructing traffic and quickly set-up and moved to a new location.

This type of operation will greatly enhance the Health Department's ability to reach larger numbers of those at risk for HIV/STD increasing the number of priority populations served. The Mobile Outreach Vehicle will also enhance the department's ability to conduct disease intervention activities and provide preventive treatment without the need to transport clients. The Mobile Outreach Vehicle, in combination with rapid testing, will assist in identifying HIV infected persons and get them to services quicker than standardized testing. By having a support vehicle with back-up significantly makes street outreach operations safer for staff. An increased number of individuals related to confirmed STD cases will be screened in a timelier manner and provide opportunities to treat contacts.

This vehicle is equipped with an engine capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides a roughly 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximately 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Sole bid received.
- b. Seventy two notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this commodity.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Fleet Services Division's recommended award.

b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.