

AGENDA



Thursday, March 12, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 13

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 61 light duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1,559,809.15

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$376,422.20 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$22,657.14 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding in the amount of \$46,062 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Public Works. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budgets of various City departments as follows: Austin Energy \$334,751.93, Watershed Protection and Development Review \$23,031, Austin Water Utility \$315,837.95, Fire \$50,225.60, Solid Waste Services \$242,736.51, and Public Works \$148,084.82.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are attached.

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

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 Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

These vehicles have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected 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.

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 vehicles are reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicles are appropriate for the use.

This contract is for the purchase of 24 new and 37 replacement light duty vehicles to be distributed among Austin Convention Center, Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Water Utility, Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Services Department, and Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

The 37 replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The 24 new vehicles were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Included in this purchase are the following light duty vehicles:

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel- Replacement

AUSTIN ENERGY:

10 Ford F-150 Pickups, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – 4 New, 6 Replacements

1 Ford F-350 Pickup, 4x2, Diesel Fuel – Replacement

4 Toyota Prius Hybrids - Replacements

AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

5 Ford F-350 Pickups, 4x4, Diesel Fuel - 1 New, 4 Replacements

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1 Toyota Prius Hybrid – Replacement

AUSTIN WATER UTILITY:

2 Ford F-350 Pickups, 4x2, Diesel Fuel – Replacements

1 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel - Replacement

10 Toyota Prius Hybrids - New

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

3 Ford F-150 Pickups, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel- Replacements

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

4 Ford F-150 Pickups, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel- Replacements

1 Ford F-350 Pickup, 4x2, Diesel Fuel – Replacement

3 Toyota Prius Hybrids- 1 New, 2 Replacements

SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

9 Ford F-150 Pickups, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel - 5 New, 4 Replacements

1 Toyota Prius Hybrid - New

WATERSHED PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT:

5 Toyota Prius Hybrids - 1 New, 4 Replacements

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.

Twenty-eight of these vehicles are powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning they can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline.

Twenty-four vehicles are powered by hybrid-electric technology. Improving the fuel economy of the vehicle also reduces greenhouse gas emissions in line with the amount of fuel not consumed.

Nine vehicles are equipped with engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20). B20 is a blend of 20% bio material and 80% petro-diesel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximately 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and approximately 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

Philpott Motors is under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of vehicles 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.