

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

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

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with SIDDONS FIRE APPARATUS, INC., Houston, TX, for the purchase of one pumper and two brush pumper fire trucks in an amount not to exceed \$670,850.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is 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 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 two new brush and one new pumper fire trucks manufactured by Siddons Manufacturing that will be assigned to the Austin Fire Department. The pumper truck is equipped with a standard foam system, 750 gallon water tank, 1500 gallon per minute fire pump, and assorted firefighting tools, hose and equipment. The pumper truck includes a 4-door custom-built crew cab with a fire pumper body capable of carrying a maximum of six firefighters. The pumper is capable of pumping water from either a fire hydrant or its own on-board water tank.

The two brush trucks will be built according to National Wildfire Coordinating Group, Type V specifications and will meet current National Fire Protection Association standards. These trucks are equipped with a 4x4 crew cab chassis that is capable of seating at least four fire fighters inside the cab, a 400-gallon water tank with a standard foam pumping system, a 250 gallons per minute pump, tools, hose, and equipment specific to wildland firefighting. These trucks will be used in various capacities depending on the size and nature of the fire.

One pumper and one brush truck will be assigned to the new Fire Station 45 serving the Avery area. One brush truck will be assigned to Fire Station 42 serving the Del Valle area. These are new vehicles to the City's fire fighting fleet and have an expected use of 15 years before replacement.

These fire trucks are equipped with engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. B20 is a blend of 20% bio-material and 80% petro-diesel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate reduction of 25% of greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline, and an approximate reduction of 5% of greenhouse gas emissions versus using petro-diesel. The onboard pump engines for the brush trucks also operate on B20.

Siddons Fire Apparatus, Inc is under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of fire fighting vehicles statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.