

AGENDA



Thursday, June 11, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 27**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BUYBOARD) with ONE STOP BUS STOP, INC., Irving, TX for the purchase of a 24-passenger bus in an amount not to exceed \$69,485.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

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

For More Information: Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014

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.

This contract is for the purchase of one replacement, 24-passenger bus with ADA wheelchair lift to be used by the McBeth Recreation Center in the Parks and Recreation Department.

This vehicle has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer and the user department. PARD reviewed 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 were determined within the department, and the departments' proposed vehicle was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

The McBeth Recreation Center provides community-based leisure programs and inclusion assistance for disabled children and adults. This bus will be used to transport children and adults to various off-site activities such as swimming, summer camps, field trips, and Special Olympics. The new bus will come equipped with wheelchair lifts and tie-downs, hand rails, and various other equipment used to safely transport the disabled.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team 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. This criteria is applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

This vehicle is equipped with an engine 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 approximately 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and approximately 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

One Stop Bus Stop, Inc. is under contract with BuyBoard to supply this vehicle 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 bus. The estimated delivery for this bus is approximately 120-150 days.