

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 62**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with AMERICAN MATERIAL HANDLING, INC., Lilburn, GA for the purchase of a self-propelled man-lift in an amount not to exceed \$83,320.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on July 20, 2009.

This contract is for the purchase of one replacement self-propelled man-lift to be used by the Austin Energy Substation Construction and Maintenance Division and will be utilized when the larger bucket trucks cannot be used due to space restrictions.

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. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

This man-lift is equipped with an engine capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel. It is also capable of using biodegradable hydraulic oil.

This equipment has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. It is replacing an existing unit that needs to be removed from service due to age and overall condition. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected this equipment and determined that the mileage or hours of use cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

American Material Handling, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply this type of equipment to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service. The estimated delivery for this man-lift is approximately 60-90 days after receipt of order.