

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 85**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) with DALLAS DODGE, Dallas, TX for the purchase of three Dodge Sprinter cargo vans in an amount not to exceed \$107,175.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$71,450 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$35,725 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

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 contract.

This contract is for the purchase of three replacement cargo vans which will be distributed between Building Services and Wireless Communications Divisions of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, and the Parking Management Division of the Austin Transportation Department. The cargo vans will be used for the general purpose of hauling materials, tools, and other miscellaneous equipment as required by the using departments.

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 in the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

These vans are equipped with engines 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.

These cargo vans have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. They are replacing vans that need to be removed from service due to age and overall condition. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected these vehicles 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.

Dallas Dodge is under contract with HGAC to supply these cargo vans as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the HGAC contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the cargo vans. The estimated delivery for these cargo vans is approximately 120 days.