

AGENDA



Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 35

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 32 medium-duty and four light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$2,005,218.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$135,544 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$57,690 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Building Services Division of the Financial and Administrative Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$86,811 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding in the amount of \$588,485 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$493,559 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$386,451.56 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$151,291 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$105,386 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review 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 solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for the purchase of two new and two replacement light duty vehicles, and six new and 26 replacement truck chassis with mounted service bodies to be distributed between Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility, Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Transportation Department, Solid Waste Services Department, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, Building Services Division of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, and the Aviation Department.

Included in this purchase are the following vehicles:

Austin Energy

- 5 Ford F450 Service Body Truck with Liftgate, 4x4 – Replacement
- 1 Ford F450 Service Body Truck with Liftgate, 4x4 – New
- 1 Ford F450 Service Body Truck with Crew Cab and Liftgate – Replacement
- 2 Ford F550 Canopy Body Truck – Replacement
- 1 Ford F550 Zone Truck with Crew Cab and Winch, 4x4 – Replacement

Austin Water Utility

- 6 Ford F550 Service Truck with Crane – Replacement

- 1 Ford F550 Service Truck with Crane – New
- 1 Ford F550 Canopy Body Truck, 4x4 – Replacement

Aviation

- 1 Ford F550 Service Truck with 26' Aerial Tower – Replacement

Building Services

- 1 Ford F150 Pickup – Replacement
- 1 Ford Escape Hybrid – Replacement
- 2 Ford Escape Hybrid – New

Parks and Recreation

- 2 Ford F350 Service Truck – Replacement

Austin Transportation Department

- 2 Ford F450 Service Truck with Arrow Board – Replacement
- 3 Ford F550 Truck with Aerial Tower – Replacement

Solid Waste Services

- 1 Ford F350 Truck with Crew Cab, 4x4 – Replacement
- 3 Ford F450 Stake Body Truck – New

Watershed Protection and Development Review

- 1 Ford F450 Platform Truck with Crew Cab, Hoist, and Arrow Board - Replacement
- 1 Ford F450 Platform Truck with Crew Cab, Hoist, and Arrow Board – New

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle and equipment 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.

Thirty-two of these trucks 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. Three of these vehicles are equipped with gasoline/electric hybrid engines. One vehicle is powered by gasoline.

All of the 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 or hours of use 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 eight new vehicles were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Philpott Motors, Ltd. is contracted through 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 place the City's vehicle order.