

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 48

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 58 police patrol sedans in an amount not to exceed \$1,473,866.93.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 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 58 police vehicles which are all replacement Ford Crown Victoria police sedans.

Fifty-two of the sedans are equipped with black and white color scheme, light bars, sirens, and prisoner cages. Five of the sedans are equipped with a solid color scheme and will be used for administrative duties. One sedan is equipped with black and white color scheme, light bar, and siren and will be used as a regular patrol sedan.

All 58 Ford Crown Victoria police sedans will be equipped with flexible fuel (E85) capability as a standard feature. E85 (15 percent gasoline blended with 85 percent ethanol) can reduce greenhouse gas reductions by approximately 15 percent compared to gasoline.

All of these 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.

Philpott Motors is contracted through BuyBoard to supply these types of 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 vehicles on order.