

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 49**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of three contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchase Cooperative (BuyBoard) with RUSH TRUCK CENTER, Houston, TX for the purchase of one thermoplastic striping machine in an amount not to exceed \$443,235; INDUSTRIAL DISPOSAL SUPPLY, San Antonio, TX for the purchase of three Cyclone 4500 high-pressure surface cleaners in an amount not to exceed \$294,975; PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX for the purchase of two medium-duty trucks in an amount not to exceed \$87,186.28. Authorize award and execution of a contract with SAN ANTONIO SOUTHWEST TRAILERS, San Antonio, TX for the purchase of two custom-built trailers in an amount not to exceed \$16,682.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$842,078.28 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department.

**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 cooperative contract is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Related to Item #42.

These BuyBoard contracts with Rush Truck Center, Industrial Disposal, and Philpott Motors, Ltd. are for the purchase of one new thermoplastic striping machine, three new high-pressure surface cleaners, one Ford F-350, super cab pickup truck, and one new Ford F-550, crew cab with mounted platform body. An administrative award will be made to San Antonio Southwest Trailers for the purchase of two dual axle trailers as a result of a separate informal solicitation. These custom-built trailers were not available from any cooperative purchasing program vendors; therefore, an open market competitive bid was issued. All of the vehicles and equipment will be assigned to the Public Works Department, with the exception of the striping machine which will go to Austin Transportation Department.

Austin's Climate Protection Program 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 equipment, and service application. These criteria are applied to all equipment purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

The vehicles and equipment in this RCA are equipped with a diesel-powered engine that is 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.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Manager (ACM). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

The thermoplastic striping machine will be utilized in the Roadway Markings Program. Thermoplastic striping is an application technology which results in longer-lasting road markings. The majority of existing lane markings on roadways are of a white or yellow thermoplastic material. The new striping machine will be able to apply a black thermoplastic border next to the white or yellow marking, thereby enhancing the contrast to the roadway and improving driver visibility of the markings.

The high-pressure surface cleaners will be utilized in the new downtown streetscape maintenance program and will be used for sidewalk cleaning. The surface cleaners have a very small footprint and can easily remove waste and petroleum deposits from concrete and asphalt sidewalks. The surface cleaners use a unique water recycling process. As water is cycled through the system, the contaminants are filtered out and contained, allowing the water to be reused. These cleaners eliminate the use of hoses and surface runoff, thereby reducing the risk of groundwater contamination.

The F-350 and F-550 will each pull a trailer. These trucks and trailers, in combination with another existing truck and water tank trailer, will be used to transport the sidewalk cleaners, water supply, and crew to the designated areas to be cleaned.

Rush Truck Center, Industrial Disposal Supply, and Philpott Motors, Ltd. are contracted through BuyBoard to supply these types of vehicles and equipment 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 and equipment on order.