

AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of four contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with: RDO EQUIPMENT CO., Pflugerville, TX for the purchase of three articulated wheel loaders, seven tractor/loader/backhoes, one crawler-dozer, and one mini excavator in an amount not to exceed \$1,442,644.50; HOLT CATERPILLAR, Austin, TX for the purchase of one integrated tool-carrier, two articulated wheel-loaders, one motor-grader, one excavator, and one crawler-dozer in an amount not to exceed \$909,873; VACTOR MANUFACTURING, INC., Streaton, IL. for the purchase of two sewer cleaner bodies in an amount not to exceed \$300,500; and PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS, San Antonio, TX for the purchase of one tractor-mower in an amount not to exceed \$73,043.31.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,219,615.85 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$113,538.11 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$1,062,423.35 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$330,483.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer/972-4014

Purchasing Language:

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 six new and fifteen replacement pieces of heavy-duty equipment to be distributed among Parks and Recreation Department, Solid Waste Services Department, Watershed Protection Department, and the Austin Water Utility.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff 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.

All of the pieces of equipment are powered 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 petrodiesel.

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

Departments reviewed the list of equipment determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified equipment is appropriate for the use.

All of the replacement equipment has 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 piece of equipment proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

The two truck cab and chassis for the sewer cleaner bodies will be purchased through a separate contract.

Included in this purchase is the following heavy-duty equipment:

Austin Water Utility

7 Tractor/Loader/Backhoes – 2 New, 5 Replacements
2 Articulating Wheel Loaders – 1 New, 1 Replacement
1 Sewer Cleaner Body – Replacement

Parks and Recreation

1 Mini-Excavator – Replacement
1 Mower – Replacement

Solid Waste Services

1 Integrated Tool Carrier – New
3 Articulating Wheel Loaders – 1 New, 2 Replacements
1 Motor-Grader – Replacement
1 Excavator – Replacement
1 Crawler-Dozer – Replacement

Watershed Protection

1 Crawler-Dozer – New
1 Sewer Cleaner Body - Replacement

All of these Contractors are under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of heavy-duty equipment 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 equipment order.