

AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with LONE STAR BMW/TRIUMPH, Austin, TX for the purchase of six replacement police motorcycles in an amount not to exceed \$142,818.66.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009–2010 Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Financial and Administrative Services Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Colleen Athey, Buyer I, 972-4012

Purchasing Language: Sole bid received.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract provides for the purchase of six replacement BMW motorcycles that will be assigned to the Austin Police Department for use in traffic enforcement. The City currently has 73 motorcycles in the Austin Police Department fleet. Motorcycles are used by police officers to run radar, investigate traffic accidents, and as traffic escorts for approximately 150 events per year that include parades, run fests, and political events.

The BMW Police Motorcycle (model R1200 RT-P) is equipped with design features that make it one of the safest motorcycles in production. It is lighter and more maneuverable than other police motorcycles without any loss of performance from the 110 horsepower, 1170 cc twin-piston engine. The motorcycle has an integral ABS braking system that provides 20% better braking performance as compared to other motorcycles with ABS.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection Program 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 on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

These six replacement motorcycles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected each motorcycle to be replaced and determined that the mileage on each motorcycle cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. Notification was sent directly to other BMW motorcycle dealers. Lone Star BMW/Triumph is the only local BMW Motorcycle dealer and has been the sole bidder for the police model motorcycle since December 2001.
- b. Thirty-three notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a less than 1% decrease from the last purchase made in August 2008.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with APD and Fleet Services' recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.