

AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 41**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with COOPER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, San Antonio, TX for the purchase of three street sweepers in an amount not to exceed \$698,394.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services 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.

This contract is for the purchase of three replacement Schwartze regenerative-air street sweepers to be assigned to the Solid Waste Services Department.

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.

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.

The replacement street sweepers have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each street sweeper 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.

Cooper Equipment Company is 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.