

AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 40**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with BRUNSWICK COMMERCIAL & GOVERNMENT PRODUCTS, INC., Edgewater, FL, for the purchase of two police boats in an amount not to exceed \$205,598.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Austin Police 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 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 two new 24-foot police boats equipped with outboard engines to be utilized by the Austin Police Department. The boats will serve all of Lake Austin and will be equipped with a side door to be used for diving rescue and recovery operations, radar for night and most weather navigation, and equipment needed for water and boat rescue.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff 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 vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles or equipment submitted to Fleet for purchase.

The boats 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.

The boats are built to current United States Coast Guard and National Marine Manufacturer Association standards and are equipped with low-emission engines that are United States Environmental Protection Agency compliant.

Brunswick Commercial & Government Products, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply various types of police boats to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.

The two boats will require the purchase of a radio and lights/sirens for each boat, estimated at \$6,000 for a total one time cost of \$12,000. the one time expenses will be paid from APD Forfeiture funding.

The addition of two boats to the inventory will cause an increase to the maintenance fees that APD pays to City of Austin Fleet Services in the amount of \$1,662 each annually for a total extra expense of \$3,324. Since staffing will not be increased, the gas expense should only change minimally. Current boats in inventory use 13-18 gallons of gas per hour on the water. The new boats are projected to use 12-19 gallons of gas per hour on the water dependant on conditions.