

AGENDA



Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 19**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD., Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 16 medium-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$754,298.25.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$142,763.66 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$293,149.11 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$152,546.36 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$107,214.30 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding in the amount of \$35,402.47 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$23,222.35 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Municipal Court.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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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 and Electric Utility Commission.

This contract is for the purchase of one new and two replacement pickup service-trucks, one replacement cargo van, and three new and nine replacement truck cab and chassis with mounted service bodies to be distributed between Austin Energy, Health and Human Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Municipal Court, Watershed Protection and Development Review 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.

Two of these vehicles are powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning they can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline.

Fourteen of these vehicles 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 petro-diesel.

The vehicles 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 vehicles 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 vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of these replacement vehicles have 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 vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

Included in this purchase are the following vehicles:

Austin Energy

- 3 Ford F450 Service-Body Trucks with Liftgate, 4x4 – 1 New, 2 Replacements
- 1 Ford F350 Service-Body Truck with Crew Cab and Liftgate – Replacement
- 1 Ford F550 Platform Truck, 4x4 – Replacement
- 1 Ford E350 Econoline Cargo Van - Replacement

Austin Water Utility

- 2 Ford F550 Service-Body Trucks with Crane, Jack Leg and Boom Support – 1 New, 1 Replacement

Health and Human Services

- 3 Ford F350 Cab and Chassis with remounted animal-control bodies - Replacements

Municipal Court

- 1 Ford F150 Pickup Truck with Super Cab, 4x2 – New

Parks and Recreation

- 1 Ford F350 Pickup Truck with Crew Cab, 4x2 – Replacement
- 1 Ford F450 Service-Body Truck with Crew Cab, 4x2 – Replacement

Watershed Protection

- 2 Ford F450 Platform Trucks with Crew Cab and Dump Bed – 1 New, 1 Replacement

Philpott Motors, Ltd. is contracted through BuyBoard to supply various types of medium-duty vehicles and equipment to other public entities 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 vehicles on order.