

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 59**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with HELLER MOTORS LLP, dba MERCEDES BENZ OF BOERNE, Boerne, TX for the purchase of three Dodge SPRINTER cargo vans in an amount not to exceed \$133,620.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

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

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

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two bids 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.

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This contract is for the purchase of three replacement Dodge SPRINTER cargo vans which will be distributed between the Library Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. The cargo vans will be used for the general purpose of hauling materials, tools, and other miscellaneous equipment and items as required by the using departments.

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.

These cargo vans 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.

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 vehicle was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

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.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-four notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this commodity.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 25% increase to the last purchase made July 2009 utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Cooperative (HGAC). These cargo vans are currently not available on a cooperative purchasing program.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Heller Motors is not the current provider for these cargo vans.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Fleet's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.