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RCA - Purchasing	Austin City Council	Item ID:	5329
Meeting Date:	April 21, 2011		
Department:	Purchasing		
Subject			
Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC) with NATIONAL BUS SALES AND LEASING, INC., Marietta, GA, for the purchase of eleven passenger shuttle buses for use at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in an amount not to exceed \$1,097,297.60.			
Amount and Source of Funding			
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department.			
Fiscal Note			
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.			
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.		
Prior Council Action:			
For More Information:	Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer/972-4014		
Boards and Commission Action:			
MBE / WBE:	This cooperative purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.		
Related Items:			
Additional Backup Information			
<p>This contract is for the purchase of 11 new passenger shuttle buses to be assigned to the Aviation Department.</p> <p>Prior to October 2009, the company who was under contract to manage the parking operations at Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) was responsible for the purchase of all passenger shuttle buses used at the airport. These buses were then amortized and reimbursed by the City over the term of the contract. Under the terms of the new contract that began in October 2009, the City assumed responsibility for the purchase of the shuttle buses.</p> <p>The Austin Climate Protection team 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.</p> <p>All of these buses are powered with engines capable of burning Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, CNG provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions</p>			

versus using gasoline and an approximate 25% reduction versus using diesel.

The buses 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 made to the Purchasing Office.

Five of the buses will be able to transport 14 passengers, four of the buses will be able to transport 25 passengers, and two of the buses will be equipped with a wheelchair lift and will be able to transport 18-20 passengers. All the busses will be equipped with a luggage rack.

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the National Bus Sales and Leasing, Inc. HGAC contract is the best value to the City. This contract offered the lowest prices and is able to provide buses that fully meet the needs of the using department. National Bus Sales and Leasing, Inc. is contracted through HGAC to supply these types of buses to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the HGAC contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's bus order.