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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

6988

Agenda Number

27.

Meeting Date:

June 9, 2011

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with CHASTANG FORD, Houston, TX, for the purchase of one non-walk-in rescue truck for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$103,650.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$103,650 is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division Grant.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Cooperative Purchase.

Prior Council Action:

April 8, 2010 City Council approved resolution 20100408-012 authorizing the application of grant funds. October 28, 2010 City Council approved resolution 20101028-030 authorizing the acceptance of grant funds and amending the Fiscal year 2010-2011 Police Department Operating Budget to appropriate grant funds.

For More Information:

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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

This contract is for the purchase of one new non-walk-in rescue truck to be assigned to the Austin Police Department's Clandestine Lab Response Team (CLRT).

The truck will be operated by the CLRT and will store critical equipment and supplies used by officers when responding to calls for clandestine laboratory waste clean up. The equipment that will be stored on the truck includes exhaust fans, respirator suits, air tanks, and self-contained breathing apparatus.

The truck currently used by the CLRT is no longer sufficient to meet the needs of the operation and will be repurposed and used by other programs within the Austin Police Department.

Austin Energy's 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.

The truck is powered with an engine 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 vehicle and equipment 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 Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the Chastang Ford BuyBoard contract was the best value to the City. This contract offered the lowest price and is able to provide vehicles that fully meet the needs of the using department. Chastang Ford is contracted through BuyBoard to supply these types of vehicles 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.