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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7770	Agenda Number	85.
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract with AUSTIN TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC., LTD, dba FREIGHTLINER OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, or one of the other qualified bidders for IFB-BV SAP0122, for the purchase of two passenger vans in an amount not to exceed \$74,108.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Vehicle Acquisition Fund.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated bid of two bids received.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014			
Boards and Commission Action:				
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.			
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of two replacement passenger vans which are capable of transporting up to 12 passengers. One van will be assigned to the Fleet Service's rental pool and one will be assigned to the Parks and Recreation Department, to transport children for after-school and summer programs sponsored by the department.

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.

The manufacturer does not recommend the use of B20 biodiesel fuel in these vehicles; however, these vehicles are powered by diesel engines and have a fuel-efficiency rating of 20 miles per gallon as opposed to the 10-12 miles per gallon of standard gasoline engines. In addition, the estimated replacement cycle of a diesel engine is 150,000 miles compared to 100,000 miles of a gasoline engine.

In order to determine the best value to the City, evaluation criteria included cost of the vans and local economic impact.

Departments review 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 insure 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.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with a bidder, who provides the best value to the City, that Council selects. If this bidder does not execute a contract with the City, staff will return to Council so that Council may select another best-value bidder and authorize a contract with this bidder.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB Best-Value No. SAP0122
(1 line item)

Austin Truck & Equipment Inc., LTD dba Freightliner of Austin Austin, TX	\$74,108
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Heller Motors LLP Boerne, TX	\$79,226
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A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty nine notices were sent, two bids were received. There are no known MBE /WBEs available for this commodity.
- c. This is the first recent purchase for this item; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best-evaluated bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Fleet's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.