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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

8131

Agenda Number

45.

Meeting Date:

August 18, 2011

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD., Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 38 medium-duty service vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1,594,729.60.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$183,004.66 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$483,201.86 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$336,658.84 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$29,883.87 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Municipal Court. Funding in the amount of \$93,668.26 is available in the Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$110,014.95 is available in the Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$143,829.90 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Code Compliance Department. Funding in the amount of \$92,738.86 is available in the Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$21,728.40 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Cooperative Purchase.

Prior Council
Action:



For More
Information:

Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer /972-4014

Boards and
Commission
Action:

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission. To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on August 15, 2011.

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| MBE / WBE: | This Cooperative Contract 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 fourteen new and twenty-one replacement pickup service-trucks, and three replacement truck cab and chassis with re-mounted bodies to be distributed amongst the following departments: Austin Energy, Austin Water, Fire, Code Compliance, Health and Human Services, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Solid Waste Services, and Watershed Protection.

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.

Ten 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.

Twenty-eight 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

- 1 Ford F350 4x2 pickup truck with crew cab – New
- 1 Ford F350 4x4 pickup truck with crew cab - New
- 4 Ford F450 4x4 pickup truck with regular cab – Replacements
- 1 Ford F450 4x4 truck with crew cab and remounted flat bed - Replacement
- 1 Ford F550 4x2 with super crew cab, stake-body, and liftgate – New
- 1 Ford F550 4x2 truck with regular cab and canopy body – Replacement

Austin Water

- 1 Ford F350 4x4 pickup truck with super cab – Replacement

- 1 Ford F350 4x2 service-body truck with super cab – Replacement
- 3 Ford F550 4x2 service-body trucks with super cab and crane – Replacements
- 1 Ford F550 4x4 truck with super cab and canopy body - Replacement

Austin Fire Department

- 1 Ford F350 4x4 truck with crew cab and command body – Replacement
- 1 Ford F550 4x2 tuck with super cab and remounted air body – Replacement

Code Compliance Department

- 2 Ford F150 4x2 pickup trucks with super crew cab – New
- 7 Ford F150 4x2 pickup trucks with super cab – 5 New, 2 Replacements

Health and Human Services Department

- 1 Ford F350 4x2 truck with regular cab and remounted animal-control body – Replacement

Municipal Court

- 1 Ford F250 4x2 pickup truck with crew cab and long bed – New

Parks and Recreation Department

- 2 Ford F350 4x2 pickup trucks with crew cab – Replacements

Public Works Department

- 1 Ford F350 4x2 truck with super cab and light bar – New
- 1 Ford F350 4x2 truck with crew cab and light bar – New
- 2 Ford F550 4x2 trucks with crew cab and nine foot platform body – 1 New, 1 Replacement

Solid Waste Service Department

- 1 Ford F350 4x2 pickup truck with crew cab – Replacement

Watershed Protection Department

- 1 Ford F150 4x4 pickup truck with super crew cab – Replacement
- 1 Ford F350 4x4 pickup truck with super cab and light bar – Replacement
- 1 Ford F450 4x2 truck with crew cab, platform body with sides, and arrow board - Replacement

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the BuyBoard contract was the best value to the City. The Philpott Motors contract offered the lowest prices and is able to provide vehicles and equipment that fully meet the needs of the using departments. Philpott Motors 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 vehicle order.