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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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11248

Agenda Number

40.

Meeting Date:

December 15, 2011

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC) with SANTEX TRUCK CENTERS, LTD., San Antonio, TX for the purchase of an asphalt distributor truck chassis in an amount not to exceed \$88,287.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer/974-2035

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 a replacement asphalt distributor truck chassis to be used by the Public Works Department. This equipment is used in the daily construction and repair activities performed by the Public Works Department.

All of the pieces of equipment 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.

All of the replacement equipment has 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 piece of equipment proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the Santex Truck Centers, Ltd, HGAC contracts is the best value to the City. This contract offered the lowest price and is able to provide equipment that fully meets the needs of the using department. Santex Truck Centers, Ltd, is contracted through HGAC to supply this type of specialized heavy-duty equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment orders.