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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	11626	Agenda Number	45.
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Meeting Date:	December 15, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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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 four service vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$132,162.82.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$78,922.52 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$53,240.30 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the City Manager's Office through the 2010 Texas Department of Public Safety Homeland Security Program.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer/974-2035
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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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.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of two replacement Ford Taurus Police Interceptors, one replacement Ford Fusion Hybrid, and one new Ford E450 Econo Cutaway box van. These vehicles will be used by various City Departments in the day-to-day operations of City business.

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.

Three 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.

One of these vehicles is powered by hybrid-electric technology. Improving the fuel economy of the vehicle also reduces greenhouse gas emissions in line with the amount of fuel not consumed.

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 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.

The vehicles in this purchase will be assigned to the following City Departments:

Austin Police Department

2 Ford Taurus Police Interceptors – Replacement

City Manager's Office

1 Ford Fusion Hybrid – Replacement

Emergency Medical Services Department

1 E450 Econo Cutaway Box Van

The Philpott Motors contract offers the lowest price and is able to provide vehicles 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 vehicles on order.