

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

3/8/12
WPD / Purchasing

SUBJECT:

Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD., for the purchase of a Ford E450 Econo Cutaway cab and chassis van in an amount not to exceed \$24,372 and with ARIES INDUSTRIES, INC., for the purchase and installation of a Hi-Cube body containing with various types storm pipe monitoring equipment for the Watershed Protection Department to conduct interior inspections of the storm water drainage system in an amount not to exceed \$128,807.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Watershed
Project Name:	TV Inspection Data Acquisition
Fund/Department/Unit:	4850 6307 2106
Funding Source:	DUF Funding
Current Appropriation:	500,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	500,000.00
Amount of This Action:	(128,807.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>371,193.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

These contracts with Philpott Motors, LTD, Nederland, TX and Aries Industries, Waukesha, WI, are for the purchase of a replacement storm drain line inspection television vehicle that will be assigned to the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) to house and transport television reconnaissance equipment used to conduct interior inspections of the storm water drainage system. The vehicle will be purchased from Philpott Motors, LTD and Aries Industries will equip the vehicle with an aluminum Hi-Cube body that will be set up with a command center interior equipped with various types of equipment to view the interior of storm water drainage lines. These inspections provide WPD and Public Works valuable information regarding the condition of individual storm water pipe sections and are used to assist staff in making critical decisions associated with storm drain repair projects. With the growing number of requests and the miles of pipe increasing, WPD is in need of a second TV inspection truck. This additional truck is going to be dedicated to inspections in the entire downtown central business district (CBD).

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.

This vehicle is powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning it can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline.

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.

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The Philpott Motors and Aries Industries, Inc. contracts offer the lowest price and are able to provide vehicles that fully meet the needs of the using departments. Philpott Motor and Aries Industries, Inc. 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.