

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	16214	Agenda Number	60.
Meeting Date:	June 28, 2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) with STERLING MCCALL FORD for the remount and refurbish of a command truck for the Fleet Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$85,850.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Vehicle Acquisition Fund.				
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:	█			
Related Items:	█			
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). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.			

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the remounting and refurbishing of one of the City's Frazer 8'9" Urban Command Vehicles into a Ford F-350, 6.7 diesel Crew Cab 4X4 chassis with single rear wheels for the Emergency Medical Services Department.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle and equipment 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 piece of equipment is powered with an engine 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 equipment in this RCA has 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 equipment 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 equipment is appropriate for the use.

This 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.

This purchase includes the following light-duty equipment:

Emergency Medical Services

1 Command Vehicle – Replacement

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that this contract is the best value to the City. The contract offered the lowest price and is able to provide equipment that fully meets the needs of the using departments.

Sterling McCall Ford is contracted through H-GAC to supply this type of light-duty equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the H-GAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment orders.