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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:		Agenda Number	41.
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Meeting Date:	August 23, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule with ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. for the purchase of a track mounted backyard aerial unit for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$113,698.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

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:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on August 20, 2012.
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Related Items:	
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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.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of one new track-mounted backyard aerial unit to be used by Austin Energy Distribution crews to gain access to difficult-to-reach places including restricted areas and private property to repair and maintain infrastructure serving residential customers.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet 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 aerial unit is equipped 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 vehicle 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.

Altec Industries, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply this type of equipment to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.