

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

8/22/13
Fleet

SUBJECT: Authorize award and execution of a contract with WABASH NATIONAL TRAILER CENTER for the purchase of two Aluminum Tandem Hydraulic Dump Semi-Trailers for Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$238,090.

Department:	Austin Water Utility
Project Name:	AWU Capital Vehicles - Water
Fund/Department/Unit:	4180-2207-8677
Funding Source:	Contractual Obligations
Current Appropriation:	1,596,378.00
Unencumbered Balance:	1,497,060.73
Amount of This Action:	<u>(238,090.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>1,258,970.73</u>
 Total Amount of this Action	 <u><u>(238,090.00)</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This contract is for the purchase of two new aluminum tandem hydraulic dump semi-trailers to be used by the Austin Water and Wastewater Treatment Division of Austin Water Utility to haul waste sludge and materials from the water treatment plants. The two new trailers will be used to support waste material removal at the number four water treatment plant.

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop a vehicle/equipment purchasing process to progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The purchasing criteria incorporate criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle/equipment, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all vehicle/equipment purchase requests submitted to Fleet and all of vehicles/equipment purchased in this request are alternative fueled.

All of the pieces of equipment will be pulled with a heavy-duty truck 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.

The vehicles/equipment 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.

MBE/WBE solicited:	2/2
MBE/WBE Bid:	0/0

BID TABULATION:
IFB 7800 LRW0001
Aluminum Tandem Hydraulic Dump Semi-Trailer

Wabash National Trailer Center:	\$238,090.00
San Antonio, TX	

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A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing website.

PRICE ANALYSIS:

Sole Bid. The solicitation was originally advertised for a period of twenty-three days and was extended an additional 14 days in an attempt to increase Vendor interest. One hundred four notices were sent, including two M/WBEs. One bid was received with no response from the M/WBEs. The pricing represents a 15% increase to the last purchase made in April 2008. Factors affecting the price increase are increases in the consumer price index, freight costs, material component costs, labor rates, and benefit increases.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION:

Sole bid received. Walbash National Trailer Centers was the provider of these trailers when last purchased in 2008. The Purchasing Office concurs with Fleet's recommended award. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.