

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	26444	Agenda Number	60.
Meeting Date:	August 29, 2013			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with RUSH TRUCK CENTERS, LP DBA RUSH BUS CENTERS for the purchase of one bus in an amount not to exceed \$81,525.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Jonathan Dalchau, Buyer II, 512-974-2938			
Boards and Commission Action:	█			
Related Items:	█			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Additional Backup Information				

This contract is for the purchase of one replacement bus for the Park and Recreation departments.

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

Parks and Recreation Department

1 Collins Nexbus DE516WR Bus – Replacement

The bus is an 18 passenger wheelchair accessible bus that is used to transport residents enrolled in the Senior Transportation Program. The program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and promoting independence for persons 60 years or older. Services provided include travel to Parks and Recreation Department activities, lunch programs, and other destinations for a nominal fee.

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop a vehicle 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, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all vehicle purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

This vehicle is powered by propane. Propane is a domestically produced, well-established, clean-burning fuel that increases energy security, provides convenience and performance benefits, and improves public health and the environment. Propane costs less than gasoline and offers a comparable driving range to conventional fuel. Propane is nontoxic, nonpoisonous, and insoluble in water plus is a cleaner-burning fuel than conventional gasoline and diesel due to its lower carbon content which offers life cycle greenhouse (GHG) emissions benefits over gasoline. Switching to propane from gasoline can also result in substantial air pollutant reductions of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and oxides of nitrogen.

Departments review 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 insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

This replacement vehicle has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment 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.