

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

33616

Agenda Number

39.

Meeting Date:

June 26, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

## Subject

Authorize award and execution of contracts for light-duty vehicles through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET DBA BABY JACK II AUTOMOTIVE, LTD for the purchase of 28 light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$836,241; GRAPEVINE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, LLC DBA GRAPEVINE DCJ, LLC for the purchase of 37 light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1,937,453; SILSBEE FORD, INC. for the purchase of 26 light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$673,818; and SILSBEE TOYOTA, INC. for the purchase of one Prius in an amount not to exceed \$24,122; for total contracts amount not to exceed \$3,471,634.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$209,922 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding in the amount of \$64,995 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding in the amount of \$160,182 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding in the amount of \$20,470 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding in the amount of \$171,270 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Code Compliance Department. Funding in the amount of \$36,948 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$801,181 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Fleet Department. Funding in the amount of \$43,843 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Fleet Services Department, for the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$25,807 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$1,463,280 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Public Works and Transportation Department. Funding in the amount of \$205,460 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$268,276 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing  
Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council

<b>Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	Jonathan Dalchau, Senior Buyer, 512-974-2938
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	June, 16, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 4-0-2 with Commissioner Hadden and Commissioner Butler abstaining.
<b>Related Items:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	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 solicitation.
<b>Additional Backup Information</b>	
<p>This contract is for the purchase of 50 replacement and 42 new light-duty vehicles to be distributed among the Austin Energy Department, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Transportation Department, Aviation Department, Building Services Department, Code Compliance Department, Emergency Medical Services Department, Fleet Services Department, Health and Human Services Department, Housing Department, Neighborhood Planning and Development Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works and Transportation Department, and the Watershed Protection Department.</p> <p>Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process leading to the 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.</p> <p>34 of these vehicles are powered with engines capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City of Austin currently purchases is TXLED compliant, ultra-low sulfur diesel, with the TCEQ approved KERN additive. A new technology vehicle operating on B20 produces at least 10% less particulate matter, at least 10% less carbon monoxide, and at least 10% less unburned hydrocarbons than those running on petro-diesel. They also reduce life cycle greenhouse gas emissions by at least 15%.</p> <p>57 of these vehicles are flex fuel vehicles that are capable of operating on gasoline (typically 6-10% ethanol) up to E85 (85% ethanol blended with 15% gasoline). A new-technology flex fuel vehicles operating on E85 produces tailpipe NOx, carbon monoxide, and non-methane hydrocarbon levels no different from running on gasoline while also reducing life cycle greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20%.</p> <p>One of these vehicles is powered by hybrid-electric technology. These vehicles typically have improved fuel economy ranging from 5-75% over non-hybrid comparative vehicles. Improved fuel economy equals less fuel used which reduces cost and tailpipe criteria air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible by Fleet Services for replacement based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed vehicle was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.</p>	

All of these replacement vehicles have 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 vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

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

Austin Energy Department

- 1 Chevrolet Equinox – Replacement
- 2 Chevrolet Equinoxes – New
- 1 Ram Truck – New
- 2 Ford Trucks – Replacement
- 2 Ford Trucks – New

Austin Fire Department

- 1 Chevrolet Truck – Replacement
- 2 Ford Trucks – New

Austin Police Department

- 5 Chevrolet Suburbans – Replacement
- 1 Chevrolet Tahoe – Replacement
- 2 Ford Explorers – Replacement

Austin Transportation Department

- 2 Chevrolet Cargo Vans – Replacement
- 2 Chevrolet Equinoxes – New
- 1 Ram Truck – Replacement

Aviation Department

- 1 Chevrolet Equinox – Replacement

Building Services Department

- 1 Ford Transit Cargo Van – Replacement

Code Compliance Department

- 7 Chevrolet Equinoxes – New

Emergency Medical Services Department

- 1 Chevrolet Tahoe – New

Fleet Services Department

2 Ford Trucks – Replacement

Health and Human Services Department

1 Ford Truck – Replacement

1 Ford Transit Cargo Van – Replacement

Housing Department

1 Chevrolet Equinox – Replacement

1 Ford Truck – Replacement

Neighborhood Planning and Development Department

3 Ford Trucks – Replacement

2 Ford Truck – New

1 Toyota Prius Hybrid – Replacement

Parks and Recreation Department

1 Ram Truck – Replacement

2 Ford Trucks – Replacement

3 Ford Trucks – New

Public Works and Transportation Department

1 Chevrolet Tahoe – New

2 Chevrolet Equinoxes – New

18 Ram Trucks – Replacement

13 Ram Trucks – New

Watershed Protection

1 Chevrolet Equinox – New

2 Ram Trucks – Replacement

1 Ram Truck – New

2 Ford Trucks – New