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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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33617

Agenda Number

40.

Meeting Date:

June 26, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of contracts for heavy-duty vehicles through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative with AUSTIN TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC. LTD DBA FREIGHTLINER OF AUSTIN for the purchase of four heavy-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$188,722; and FARBER SPECIALTY VEHICLES INC. for the purchase of one mobile health van in an amount not to exceed \$149,850; for total contracts amount not to exceed \$338,572.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$47,676 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Austin Energy Department. Funding in the amount of \$290,896 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Fleet Services Department for the Parks and Recreations Department, Austin Fire Department, and the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council
Action:

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

6/16/2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 6-0.

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 solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of five replacement heavy-duty vehicles for the Austin Energy Department, Austin Fire Department, Health and Human Services Department, and Parks and Recreation Department.

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.

Five of these vehicles and equipment 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 for vehicles 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%.

The vehicles and 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 review the list of vehicles and equipment determined by Fleet Services eligible for replacement based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed vehicles were reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of these replacement vehicles and equipment pieces 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 and equipment in this purchase will be assigned to the following City Departments:

Austin Energy Department

1 Sprinter Cargo Van – Replacement

Austin Fire Department

2 Sprinter Cargo Vans – Replacement

Health and Human Services Department

1 Mobile Health Van – Replacement

Parks and Recreation Department

1 Sprinter Cargo Van – Replacement