

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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37675

Agenda Number

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Meeting Date:

November 20, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of three contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative with CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY DBA BOBCAT COMPANY for the purchase of two loaders in an amount not to exceed \$98,370, COOPER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. for the purchase of two street sweepers in an amount not to exceed \$587,925, and GRAPEVINE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, LLC DBA GRAPEVINE DCJ, LLC for the purchase of four light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$153,058, for a total amount not to exceed \$839,353.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$839,353 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

November 12, 2014 – To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

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.

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of five replacement vehicles and three new vehicles and pieces of equipment for the Austin Resource Recovery Department (ARR). The additional Bobcat track loader will be used during storm events and landfill maintenance. Use of this equipment reduces the amount of material collected manually, creating a safer work environment for ARR crews. The additional Dodge 3500 truck will be used by ARR to pick up electronics, appliances and other material from City departments without access to trucks as well as transport recyclable material to contracted vendors. The vehicles in this procurement will be distributed within ARR as detailed below:

2 Bobcat Track Loaders – New

2 Autocar/Schwarze Street Sweeper – Replacement

2 Dodge 1500 Trucks – Replacement

1 Dodge 2500 Truck – Replacement

1 Dodge 3500 Truck – New

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 standard incorporates the following 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.

Eight 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 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 from running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.

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.

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.

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.