

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	37685	Agenda Number	64.
Meeting Date:	November 20, 2014			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract for light-duty vehicles through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative with SILSBEE FORD, INC. for the purchase of 173 light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$4,653,943.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$4,653,943 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Vehicle Acquisition Fund.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Sandy Wirtanen, Buyer II, 512-974-7711			
Boards and Commission Action:	[REDACTED]			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
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 133 replacement and 40 new light-duty vehicles for the Austin Police Department to be distributed as follows:

- 1 Ford Fusion Hybrid S – Replacement
- 3 Ford Fusion Hybrids – Replacement
- 49 Ford Explorers – Replacement
- 35 Ford Explorers – New
- 80 Ford Taurus – Replacement
- 5 Ford Taurus – New

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 incorporates 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 Services.

169 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 vehicle operating on E85 produces tailpipe NO_x, 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%.

Four of these vehicles are 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.

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 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 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.