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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	51901	Agenda Number	49.
Meeting Date:		November 19, 2015			
Department:		Purchasing			
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of three contracts through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative for vehicles with CHASTANG ENTERPRISES DBA CHASTANG FORD in an amount not to exceed \$573,750, with FREEDOM CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM in an amount not to exceed \$98,350, and with SIDDONS MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP in an amount not to exceed \$7,970,614 for total contract amounts not to exceed \$8,642,714.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$624,087 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Resource Recovery. Funding in the amount of \$246,015 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Emergency Medical Services. Funding in the amount of \$6,214,884 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Vehicle Acquisition Fund, Fleet Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$1,402,366 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding in the amount of \$155,362 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase				
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Sandy Wirtanen, Senior Buyer, 512-974-7711				
Boards and Commission Action:	October 14, 2015 – Unanimously approved by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 10-0 vote, with Commissioner Valera absent.				
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

The contracts are for the purchase of 16 replacement vehicles and eight new vehicles to be distributed among Austin Resource Recovery, Emergency Medical Services, and the Austin Fire Department.

The vehicles have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACM). 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 are determined within the departments, and the proposed vehicle is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use. Funding for these vehicles have been approved by Council in the current fiscal budget.

An analysis was conducted to determine the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the lowest vehicle and equipment prices and is able to fully meet the needs of the departments listed above. Each of the awarded companies, listed in the subject line, are contracted through HGAC to supply vehicles and equipment to other public entities as a result of a competitive bidding process.

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. This 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.

23 of these vehicles are powered by an engine capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City currently purchases is ultra-low sulfur diesel, with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved Kern additive compliant with the Texas Low Emissions Diesel Program. 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 one running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.

One of these vehicles are flex-fuel vehicles capable of operating on gasoline (typically 6-10% ethanol) up to E85 (85% ethanol blended with 15% gasoline). New technology flex-fuel vehicles operating on E85 produce tailpipe nitrous oxide, 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%.

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 downtime. New units must be put on order as soon as possible to ensure their place in the production schedule in order to be received before old units are rendered unusable.

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

Austin Fire Department

One Dodge 4500 – New

One Dodge 4500 – Replacement

One Ford F250 – Replacement

Three Pierce fire trucks – New

Five Pierce fire trucks - Replacement

Austin Resource Recovery

One Dodge 3500 – New

Two Autocar rear loaders – New

Two Autocar haulers with grapple roll-off – Replacement

Emergency Medical Services

One ambulance – New

Seven ambulances – Replacement