



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 50
AGENDA DATE: Thu 07/28/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize ratification of two contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LTD., Austin, TX, for the purchase of three truck chassis in an amount not to exceed \$295,742.00, and with HEIL OF TEXAS, Houston, TX for the purchase of three automated refuse collection bodies for the Solid Waste Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$268,828.47.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$564,570.47 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Solid Waste Services;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Fudge, Deputy Purchasing Officer/974-2033

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Purchase Cooperative

MBE / WBE: N/A

On June 6, 2005, three automated refuse collection trucks were parked at the Todd Lane Service Center and accidentally caught on fire while being serviced, destroying the truck cabs, chassis, and collection bodies. The fire started in one truck and then spread to two other trucks parked in close proximity destroying each of the units and damaging the service center facility. The Fleet Officer and management staff from SWS agreed that the absence of these vehicles from front-line service creates a significant gap in the ability to continue refuse collection services in a timely manner with the proper equipment. It is imperative that these units be replaced at the earliest possible time to restore SWS's responsiveness and full-service to the refuse customers for these automated collection routes.

Based on this critical need for timely replacement of these trucks, this purchase is considered a Public Health and Safety procurement. Quotes were received by Longhorn International for three Crane Carrier manufactured truck chassis in an amount not to exceed \$295,742, and Heil of Texas for three Heil manufactured refuse collection bodies in an amount not to exceed \$268,828.47. The truck chassis will be drop-shipped to the Heil factory in Ft. Payne, Alabama to have the refuse collection bodies mounted on the chassis.

The truck chassis and the refuse collection bodies are available under contracts awarded by BuyBoard as a result of a competitive bidding process.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council Members
Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager

From: Willie Rhodes, Director
Solid Waste Services Department

Date: July 6, 2005

Subject: Public Health and Public Safety Purchase of Automated Refuse Collection Vehicles For Solid Waste Services Department, City Units. 00G261, 00G266, 01G732

On June 6, 2005, three refuse collection trucks were parked at the Todd Lane Service Center and accidentally caught on fire while being serviced, destroying the truck cabs, chassis, and bodies. The fire started in unit 261 and then spread to 266 and 732 destroying each of the units and damaging the service facility as well.

Tom Wieczorek, Fleet Officer and I are both of the opinion that the absence of these vehicles from the Solid Waste Services Department's (SWS) front-line service creates a significant gap in SWS's ability to continue refuse collection services in a timely manner with the proper equipment. SWS is currently operating with 29 automated refuse collection trucks. At least one day per week, every collection truck in the SWS fleet is operating a collection route if no units are out of service for routine maintenance or repairs leaving no margin for down town in the fleet. It is imperative that these units be replaced at the earliest possible time to restore SWS's responsiveness and full-service functionality to serve the refuse customers for these automated collection routes.

Based on this critical need for timely replacement, I am proceeding with the purchase of three new replacement truck cabs, chassis and bodies as a Public Health and Public Safety procurement. Quotes were received by Longhorn International for the truck chassis in an amount not to exceed \$295,742.00, and Heil for three refuse collection bodies in an amount not to exceed \$268,828.47.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Willie Rhodes, Director
Solid Waste Services Department