



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

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) with CONLEY-LOTT NICHOLS MACHINERY CO., San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of a 9-wheel pneumatic rubber-tire roller for the Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$49,232.58.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Public Works Department, Transportation Fund.

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

**REQUESTING** Purchasing  
**DEPARTMENT:** for Public Works;

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Fudge, Supervising Senior Buyer/974-2033

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** Purchasing Cooperative.

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This contract will provide for the purchase of one rubber-tire roller manufactured by HYPAC that will be assigned to the Street and Bridge division of Public Works. The City utilizes two methods of repair for existing roads. One is the overlay method that is accomplished by first patching all holes, applying a new 1½-inch thick layer of hot mix asphalt over the old asphalt, and finally compacting the new surface with the rubber tire roller for a smooth durable surface. The other is the sealcoat method that is accomplished by distributing a layer of hot liquid asphalt over the existing road surface, and adding a layer of small aggregate on top of the liquid asphalt. The rubber-tire roller is used in both methods of road repair to compact the asphalt material and create a smooth durable surface. The roller is powered by a diesel engine. The City purchases the cleanest diesel fuel available in the Austin area. There are no known alternative fuel options available for this type of equipment.

The new roller is necessary to support the overlay and sealcoat paving operations in Public Works. The City currently has two rollers in service, a 1993 and 1998-year models. The 1993-year model is frequently out of service for repairs and the 1998-year model's repair parts are difficult to find. Public Works currently rents two rollers at a cost of \$12,100 for a minimum period of six months each on a seasonal basis. This type of roller is not available for short period rentals. The purchase of the new roller will eliminate the need for one rental unit, will provide a new, reliable roller for year-round use, and will enable the department to share the two, older City-owned rollers on an as needed basis.

Conley-Lott Nichols is under contract with HGAC to supply this type of equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the HGAC contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. The current unit price represents an approximate increase of 13% from the last purchase of this type roller made November 1997.