



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with FREIGHTLINER OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for the purchase of a mobile laboratory vehicle for the Austin Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$128,900.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Special Revenue Fund of the Office of Emergency and Management. Funding was provided through the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant from the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Fire;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Fudge, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2033

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of three bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of one self-contained, hazardous material/mobile laboratory response body manufactured by LDV, Inc., Burlington, Wisconsin, that will be mounted on a step van chassis manufactured by Freightliner. The mobile lab van will be assigned to Austin Fire Department (AFD), Special Operations Division to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and special rescues requiring advanced technical skills such as confined space, rope, cave, wilderness, swift water, and dive rescues.

The Special Operations Division is part of the regional response team for WMD incidents within a 10-county response area. The purchase will provide a single vehicle to carry special monitoring equipment to identify unknown solids, liquids and gases, as well as equipment to detect radiological and chemical elements. The monitoring equipment will be carried inside interior cabinets of the vehicle body and will enable a much more rapid deployment of monitors to incident scenes. The vehicle will also allow AFD to respond to multiple incident sites within a much shorter time frame than is currently possible. This Division will also use the vehicle to respond to local hazardous material spills and will assist Austin Police Department in atmospheric monitoring and identification of unknown chemical elements associated with illegal drug labs. In addition, the vehicle will assist AFD in calibration of all departmental monitoring equipment on site, reducing down time for pumper fire trucks.

The vehicle will be used intermittently due to the type of incidents it responds to. It will be used for special events as they occur based on the need for area monitoring and will be used on a monthly basis for



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calibration of all monitoring equipment associated with front line fire apparatus. The vehicle is capable of carrying a driver and one passenger who will be trained in the operation of the monitoring and calibration equipment carried on the vehicle.

This is a new addition to AFD's fleet and will be the only one of this type. The vehicle is primarily considered an emergency response vehicle, with a once a month use for non-emergency monitoring calibration efforts.

MBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

Mobile Laboratory Vehicle – RF04100035

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Freightliner of Austin Austin, Texas	\$128,900
Freightliner of San Antonio Converse, Texas	\$170,952
Traylor Motor Homes, Inc. Cedar Hill, Texas	\$216,275

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-six solicitations were issued. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received.
- c. This is the first purchase of this type vehicle; therefore, there is no bid history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
- b. Austin Fire Department concurs with recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.