

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 with PHILPOTT MOTORS LTD., Port Neches, TX, for the purchase of a medium duty truck chassis with a mounted platform body for the Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$55,598.30.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Amended Capital Budget of the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTINGPurchasing**DEPARTMENT:**for Public Works;
Transportation, Planning and
Sustainability;

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: Purchasing Cooperative.

<u>MBE / WBE:</u> N/A

This contract is for the purchase of one medium duty truck chassis manufactured by Ford with a mounted platform body. The platform body is equipped with an air compressor to power air tools needed to break up existing concrete. The truck is used in the removal of existing concrete and carries loose material such as sand, gravel, cement, and water needed to pour new concrete. The truck will be assigned to Public Works Department, Street and Bridge Division to support a new 7-person concrete crew needed to expedite concrete sidewalk improvements throughout the City to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

The majority of the work assigned to the new crew involves pouring new concrete sidewalks, installing new concrete curb/gutter, as well as installing new concrete ramps for wheelchair access. The platform truck is a new equipment purchase necessary to support this crew by being available during all available work hours to assist with the removal of existing concrete to allow for the installation of curb cuts and wheelchair ramps. This purchase will assist Public Works in meeting two goals: 1) to expedite the installation of concrete sidewalks, curb/gutter, and wheelchair ramps; 2) to reduce the construction cost by having this work done by City crews rather than an outside contractor.

The truck operates on diesel fuel and meets the federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for emissions through the 2005-year models. The City is buying TxLED ultra low sulfur diesel through a State purchase order with the lowest sulfur content available on the market. There are no alternative fuel options for this application.

Philpott Motors is under contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) to



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supply this type of equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing H-GAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing, as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.

CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: WHERE ON AGENDA: DEPARTMENT:

12-Aug-04 Resolution not required Transportation Planning and Sustainability

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Pedestrian Sub \$5.0M of \$18.2M (Parent account)
Project Authorization:	2003-2004 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source:	1998 General Obligation Bonds, P1
Fund/Agency/Orgn:	8780-607-2129 (PEDS)

Total Current Appropriation	\$3,180,553.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$1,031,474.00
Amount of this Action	(\$55,589.30)
Estimated Available	\$975,884.70

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