



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with FREIGHTLINER OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for the purchase of a delivery step van for the Emergency Medical Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$49,250.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Emergency Medical
Services;

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.

MBE / WBE: N/A

This contract will provide for the purchase of one low-entry delivery step van. The chassis is manufactured by Freightliner with a mounted van body manufactured by Utilimaster. The driver's compartment is open for access to the rear of the storage body from the interior portion of the truck. The back of the truck is equipped with a roll-up garage type door.

The step van will be used by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) supply personnel to deliver medical equipment and supplies to seven area hospitals and two EMS stations four days per week. One day of the week the supply truck will be loaded with the supplies to be delivered. The City-owned equipment and supplies are kept at area hospitals and are used to re-stock City-owned ambulances after emergency patients are delivered to a hospital. This process allows EMS ambulance personnel to immediately respond to emergency calls without having to travel to their assigned stations to re-supply the ambulances.

This new delivery van is necessary to replace an existing City vehicle that has been on loan to EMS Supply that is beyond its normal life expectancy and has become mechanically unreliable.

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