



**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 SIDDONS FIRE APPARATUS, INC., Houston, TX for the purchase of one fire rescue truck in an amount not to exceed \$351,500.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Fire;

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: Purchasing Cooperative.

MBE / WBE: N/A

This contract is for the purchase of one Quantum custom fire rescue chassis and body manufactured exclusively for fire service by Pierce Manufacturing, Appleton, Wisconsin and sold by one of its authorized dealers (Siddons Fire Apparatus, Inc.). The cab is a four-door custom built tilt cab that provides space for one driver and five passengers. The mounted 16-foot long body is used to carry various types of fire fighting equipment, gear, tools, and supplies. The body is designed with storage bins along both sides and rear with lockable steel doors, or roll-up type doors for easy and quick access to tools or equipment.

This vehicle will respond to all structure fires, special operations rescue calls, and vehicle accidents involving a patient extrication. The type of equipment carried includes sophisticated equipment used in the detection and monitoring of gases, chemicals, or other hazardous materials. It also carries hydraulic rescue equipment and special lighting for night incidents. Currently, there are three trucks of this type strategically located throughout the city. This truck will be assigned to Station No. 14, located at 4305 Airport Blvd.

The rescue truck replaces a 1999-year model of similar design and use. This vehicle meets the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the truck to be replaced and determined that the mileage or hours of use cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

There are currently no manufacturers supplying gasoline engines for this size truck chassis. The truck is powered by a diesel engine that meets the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines for emissions. To legally sell the engines, the engine manufacturer must meet the incremental requirements



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established by the EPA for each model year. The City is buying diesel with the lowest sulfur content available on the market. There are no alternative fuel options for this application.

Siddons Fire Apparatus, Inc. is under contract with BuyBoard to supply this type fire rescue truck statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.