



**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 PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD., Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 112 emergency service light duty vehicles for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,540,689.57.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$1,959,468.17 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$38,943.03 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Police Federal Seized Fund. Funding in the amount of \$347,282.04 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Austin Police Department One-Time Expenditure Fund. Funding in the amount of \$134,185.88 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$60,810.45 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Fire; Police; Financial **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert
and Administrative
Services - Fleet Services;
Public Safety and
Emergency Management;

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Mazzearella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

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 23 additional and 89 replacement vehicles, which includes 97 patrol sedans, 6 administrative sedans, 3 utility vehicles, 2 prisoner transfer vehicles, 2 pickup trucks, one service/haul truck, and one cargo van. All are 2006-year model vehicles, seven of which go to the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department (PSEM), two to the Austin Fire Department (AFD), and 103 to the Austin Police Department (APD).

The contract includes the purchase of 97 Ford Crown Victoria police patrol sedans, three of which will be assigned to the Park Police, three to the Airport Police, one to the Marshall's Office, and 90 to APD. Ninety-one of the sedans are equipped with light bars, sirens, and prisoner cages, and will be used as regular patrol sedans. Five units will be subtly marked to be used as stealth vehicles, four to support the Driving While Intoxicated Division of APD, and one for the Marshall's Office to issue warrants. One unit will be used as a K-9 unit by the Airport Police. Six Ford Taurus administrative sedans will be used



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by Detectives in the Forensic and Internal Affairs Divisions of APD. One Ford Escape Hybrid utility vehicle will be assigned to the Crime Scene Division of APD. Two Ford Expedition utility vehicles will be assigned to the Animal Cruelty Division of APD for animal cruelty rescues. Two prisoner transfer vehicles will be used in the Sixth Street area by APD to transfer arrestees. One Ford F-250 pickup truck will be assigned to the Operations Support Division of AFD for delivery of equipment to fire stations throughout the City. One Ford F-250 pickup truck with lift gate will be assigned to the Evidence Division of APD. One Ford F-550 service/haul truck will be used by the Mounted Division of APD to tow a horse trailer. One Ford E-350 cargo van will be assigned to the Training Division of AFD to carry video equipment.

All 89 replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and have determined that the mileage of the vehicles proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. (The 23 additional vehicle requests were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.)

Pending approval of the Ford engines for CNG conversion by the Environmental Protection Agency, the City may convert a select group of vehicles (Ford Expeditions and Ford Pickups) to Bi-Fuel (propane/gasoline) vehicles. This RCA includes five vehicles that may be converted.

Philpott Motors, Ltd. is under contract with the BuyBoard to supply vehicles 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 vehicles in the manufacturer's order banks.