



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

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 20
AGENDA DATE: Thu 02/16/2006
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SUBJECT: Ratify a contract with SIDDONS FIRE APPARATUS, INC., Pflugerville, TX, for repairs to a Quint ladder/pumper fire truck in the amount of \$100,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing	DIRECTOR'S
DEPARTMENT: for Financial and	AUTHORIZATION: <u>Vickie Schubert</u>
Administrative Services -	
Fleet Services;	

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Sydney Ceder, Buyer II/974-2035

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Emergency Purchase.

MBE / WBE: N/A

City Unit No. 03D367 is a front-line emergency response aerial fire apparatus that sustained extensive damage to its aerial portion of the truck body while in use at a fire during the month of January 2006 and was removed from service. With this truck out of service, Fire Station 40 is operating with only a pumper truck and leaves a large void in the geographic area that Station 40 serves. Because of concerns for public health and safety, it was determined that emergency repairs were necessary to get this unit back into service as quickly as possible.

This unit is called a Quint model fire truck that is manufactured by Pierce and is equipped to provide the capabilities of a fire pumper truck and an aerial ladder truck. This fire truck is a custom-built unit that must be inspected and repaired by either Siddons Fire Apparatus, the local authorized dealer for the manufacturer, or by the Pierce factory.

The initial inspection was performed by Siddons Fire Apparatus in Pflugerville, TX. Siddons estimated the repairs at approximately \$83,000, but suspected other hidden damages existed. Based upon Siddons' and Pierce's recommendation, the Quint was sent to the Pierce factory in Appleton, Wisconsin, on February 3, 2006, to verify the extent of the damages and to make the repairs. Pierce estimates that the total repair will cost \$100,000.

This repair is economically feasible since this truck has a life expectancy of 20 years and has only been in service for three years. In addition, the purchase price for a new Quint is approximately \$700,000.



**MEMORANDUM
Fleet Services**

TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Tom Wieczorek, Fleet Officer
DATE: February 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Ratification of Emergency Purchase for Repair of a Quint Pumper/Ladder Fire Truck

Fire truck, Unit No.03D367, sustained extensive damage to its aerial portion while in use at a fire during the month of January. This unit is called a Quint and it is a dual purpose unit that has the capabilities of a fire pumper truck and an aerial ladder truck. The damage to the ladder required the unit to be taken out of service. As with any fire equipment, this is a custom built unit that needs to be evaluated and repaired by the manufacturer.

With this unit out of service, Fire Station 40 is operating with only a pumper truck. Operating without the Quint leaves a large void in the geographic area that Station 40 serves. Because of concerns for public health and safety, I determined that emergency repairs were necessary to get this unit back into service as quickly as possible rather than to wait for Council approval before having the work done. The Quint left Austin today en route to Appleton, Wisconsin where the manufacturer is located.

Please note there is the possibility that the repairs will cost substantially more than the estimate submitted, if the manufacturer discovers additional damage after disassembly and testing.

Based on this critical need for timely repairs, I am proceeding with the repairs for the pumper/ladder fire truck as a Public Health and Public Safety procurement. The RCA for ratification of these emergency repairs will be scheduled for your approval in the near future.

If you require additional information, please advise.