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AGENDA



Thursday, April 27, 2006

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**Purchasing Service Agreement
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

ITEM NO: 20

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with WHEELED COACH INDUSTRIES, Winter Park, FL, for the purchase of four ambulances in an amount not to exceed \$680,720.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$509,940 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$170,780 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material
(click to open)
No Attachments Available

For More Information:

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of four ambulances that will be assigned to the Emergency Medical Services Department to transport sick and injured patients to area hospitals.

The ambulances in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Director and Assistant City Manager (ACM). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office. Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments and the departments' proposed equipment is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

The one replacement has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected this ambulance 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. The request for three new ambulances was also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Two of the three additional ambulances will be assigned to two new stations located at Circle C, 11401 Escarpment and Del Valle, 2454 Cardinal Loop. The third additional ambulance will be placed in emergency front-line service at an existing Medic 11 Station located at 5401 McCarty Lane. The ambulance at this location will be removed from front-line emergency service to standby emergency service. Emergency standby service is provided for service other than normal on-duty units. Examples would include an ambulance on standby at the Erwin Center, special events such as various running events, Halloween celebrations, Mardi Gras, or dignitary visits where a unit is required to be on standby at a particular location. These ambulances are powered by diesel fuel.

There are currently no alternative fuel options available on the market for this type of equipment. The City purchases the cleanest diesel fuel available in the Austin area.

Wheeled Coach Industries is under contract with BuyBoard to supply ambulances statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of these ambulances.