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**Purchasing Service Agreement  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL  
ACTION**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with TRANTEX, INC., Houston, TX, for the purchase of one trailer-mounted thermoplastic pre-melter with walk-behind striping machine in an amount not to exceed \$58,125.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Financial and Administrative Services Department.

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

**For More Information:** Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

**Prior Council Action:**

**Boards and Commission Action:**

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of three bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

**Additional Backup Material**

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TRANTEX BID TAB

This contract is for the purchase of one trailer-mounted thermoplastic pre-melter with walk-behind striping machine that will be assigned to the Markings Division of the Department of Public Works. It will be used to support pavement marking crews responsible for scheduled crosswalk and stop bar maintenance.

Twelve hundred pounds of thermoplastic material is melted by LPG burners in each of two kettles mounted on this trailer. The molten material is then discharged into a walk-behind striping machine for application onto the road surface. Currently, these type pavement markings are applied using paint which must be reapplied on a maintenance schedule of 9-12 months. The use of longer-lasting thermoplastic material will extend this maintenance schedule to 4-5 years.

This unit will replace a truck-mounted unit that has been identified by Fleet Services as eligible for replacement because one of the kettles has burned out and replacement of the

kettle is cost prohibitive. Fleet Services will remove the melter body from the chassis and retain the chassis for reuse and reissue.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 0/0 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirteen solicitations were issued. There were no MBEs/WBEs available for this commodity. Three bids were received.
- c. This is the first purchase of this type; therefore, there is no price history available.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bidder.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Public Works' and Fleet Services' recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.

**BID TABULATION**

Trailer-mounted Thermoplastic Pre-melter with Striping Machine  
(Quantity – 1)  
IFB No. RM06100043

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Price</u>
<b>Trantex, Inc.</b> <b>Houston, Texas</b>	<b>\$58,125</b>
Centerline Supply Grand Prairie, Texas	\$64,000
Pathmark Traffic Products San Marcos, Texas	\$79,949