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**Purchasing Service Agreement
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with SIDDONS FIRE APPARATUS, Inc., Houston, TX, for the purchase of one Pierce Contender mass casualty rescue truck, and one Pierce Quantum mass casualty rescue truck in an amount not to exceed \$722,186.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$722,186 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Homeland Security Program 05 grant.

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

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

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

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of one Pierce Contender mass casualty rescue truck that will be assigned to the Special Operations Field Section of the Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS), and one Pierce Quantum mass casualty rescue truck that will be assigned to the Special Operations Field Section of the Austin Fire Department (AFD).

These trucks will carry specialized tools and equipment designed for use in reinforced concrete debris piles such as collapsed multistory buildings, and in trench environments and unstable structures that require shoring and stabilization. Self-contained breathing apparatus will also be on board for HAZMAT situations.

Both of these rescue trucks will also support the Austin Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, Lower Colorado River Authority, and the Travis County First Responder Agencies in their emergency rescue efforts. They will also be available for out-of-state service in emergencies such as hurricanes or floods.

The purchase price is \$275,569.37 for the Pierce Contender and \$446,616.63 for the Pierce Quantum. Siddons Fire Apparatus is the authorized dealer for Pierce Manufacturing and is under contract with BuyBoard to provide complete rescue trucks ready for service directly to the City. All of these trucks operate on diesel fuel and will meet the current federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for emissions. The City is buying diesel fuel with low sulfur content. There are no alternative fuel options for this application. The estimated delivery for these trucks is approximately eleven months.

These units were awarded to Siddons Fire Apparatus on a competitive bid through BuyBoard.