

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L  
**AGENDA**

Thursday, August 24, 2006

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 55**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with HOLT CAT, Austin, TX, for the purchase of one wheeled hydraulic excavator in an amount not to exceed \$269,645.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

**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 a wheeled hydraulic excavator that will be assigned to the Landfill Division of the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS) to be used at Hornsby Bend Treatment facility in connection with the yard waste/brush recycling program.

This excavator is an addition to the City's fleet and is needed for the recycling program to eliminate/reuse brush. The yard waste/brush recycling program is a permanent program; therefore, it is less expensive to purchase this equipment than to rent a grinder over an extended period of time. Currently, the department is renting a grinder.

Its main function is to feed tree stumps, logs, storm debris, and yard waste into a tub grinder which processes the material into mulch. Grinding brush and yard waste ensures that the City of Austin achieves recycling goals mandated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The material being fed into the grinder will be yard waste and brush from curbside collection throughout the City by SWS, and brush collected by other City Departments on City property. The end-product mulch will be mixed with bio-solids to produce Dillo Dirt, a fertilization product that the City sells to private vendors.

Holt Cat is under contract with BuyBoard to provide this equipment to public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the equipment.