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**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENBATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No. 55**

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**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 four pumper fire trucks in an amount not to exceed \$1,827,532.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 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.

<b>Additional ackup Material</b> (click to open) No Attachments Available
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**For More Information:** Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

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This contract is for the purchase of four Quantum pumper fire trucks manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing that will be assigned to the Austin Fire Department (AFD). They are equipped with a standard foam system, 1000 gallon water tank, 1500 gallon per minute fire pump, and assorted firefighting tools. These trucks include a 4-door custom-built crew cab with a fire pumper body capable of carrying a maximum of six firefighters. These four replacement Quantum pumpers have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. They are replacing four 1991-year model trucks that need to be removed from emergency service status due to age and overall condition. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected these trucks 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. As a part of AFD's standard equipment policy, the trucks being replaced will be reassigned as pumper reserves and would only be used in a backup role if the front line emergency units were out of service.

These fire trucks are powered by diesel fuel and the engines will meet the current federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for emissions. There are currently no alternative fuel options available on the market for these types of vehicles. However, the diesel fuel supply contract was amended on August 29, 2006 to include the splash-blended Oryxe additive to all of the vehicle diesel fuel supplied to the City. Oryxe is the only additive approved by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality. This additive will result in a 5% reduction of NOx emissions. Siddons Fire Apparatus is the authorized dealer for Pierce Manufacturing and is under contract with BuyBoard to provide complete fire trucks ready for service directly to the City. The estimated delivery for these trucks is approximately nine months.

These units were awarded to Siddons Fire Apparatus on a competitive bid through BuyBoard. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of these fire trucks.