

AGENDA



Thursday, March 25, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC) with SANTEX TRUCK CENTER, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of one truck cab and chassis in an amount not to exceed \$72,602.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer/972-4014

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of one replacement truck cab and chassis manufactured by Navistar, Warrenville, IL and will be assigned to the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS) and used in the Citywide office recycling program.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

The chassis is powered with an engine capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

SWS reviewed 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 were determined within SWS, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

The replacement vehicle has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Services Manager has inspected the vehicle to be replaced, and has determined that the mileage or hours of use of the vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

A rear-loading refuse collection body, to be purchased under a separate contract, will be mounted onto the truck cab and chassis to form one refuse collection truck.

Santex Truck Center is contracted through HGAC to supply various types of vehicles and equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's vehicle order.