

AGENDA



Thursday, April 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 40**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX, for the purchase of 86 light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$2,242,025.81.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$480,339.14 is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$750,560.58 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding in the amount of \$339,096.49 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$184,773.55 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding in the amount of \$27,722 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$83,166 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$80,019.63 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$296,348.42 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal notes are 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.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission and the Electric Utility Commission.

This contract is for the purchase of 17 new and 69 replacement light-duty vehicles to be distributed among the Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Water Utility, Aviation Department, Emergency Medical Services Department, Health and Human Services Department, Neighborhood Housing Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Services Department, and Watershed Protection Department.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff 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.

Forty-one of these vehicles are powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning they can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline.

Forty of these vehicles are powered by hybrid-electric technology. Improving the fuel economy of the vehicle also reduces greenhouse gas emissions in line with the amount of fuel not consumed.

Five of these vehicles are powered with engines 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.

The vehicles in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Departments 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 the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of these replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

Included in this purchase are the following light duty vehicles:

AUSTIN ENERGY:

4 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – 1 New, 3 Replacements
12 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x4, E85 Flex Fuel – 1 New, 11 Replacements
9 Ford Escape, 4x4 Hybrid – Replacements
4 Toyota Prius, Hybrid – Replacements

AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid - Replacements

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT:

2 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid – Replacements
2 Toyota Prius, Hybrid – Replacements
1 Ford Crown Victoria, E85 Flex Fuel – Replacement
1 Ford Fusion, Hybrid – Replacement
1 Ford F-350 Pickup, 4x4, Bio-Diesel – Replacement

AUSTIN WATER UTILITY:

1 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid – New
1 Ford Escape, 4x4, Hybrid - Replacement
2 Toyota Prius, Hybrid – New
6 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – Replacements
3 Ford F-350 Pickup, 4x2, Bio-Diesel – Replacements

AVIATION DEPARTMENT:

2 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid – Replacements
6 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – Replacements

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

4 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid – New

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1 Toyota Prius, Hybrid – Replacement
1 Ford F-350 Pickup, 4x2, Bio-Diesel – Replacement

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford Escape, 4x4, Hybrid – Replacement

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

2 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – Replacements

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

4 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid – New

SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

3 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – Replacements

WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT:

1 Ford Escape, 4x2, Hybrid – New

3 Ford Escape, 4x4, Hybrid – 1 New, 2 Replacements

3 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x2, E85 Flex Fuel – 2 New, 1 Replacement

4 Ford F-150 Pickup, 4x4, E85 Flex Fuel - Replacements

Philpott Motors is contracted through BuyBoard to supply various types of light-duty vehicles statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's vehicles on order.