

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 58**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with GRANDE TRUCK CENTER, San Antonio, TX for the purchase of one thermoplastic striping machine in an amount not to exceed \$468,586.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department.

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

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

Purchasing Language: Sole bid received.

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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of one new truck-mounted thermoplastic striping machine for the Austin Transportation Department.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection Program and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle and equipment 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 equipment, and service application. These criteria are applied to all equipment submitted to Fleet for purchase.

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

The thermoplastic striping machine will be utilized in the Roadway Markings Program. The majority of lane markings on roadways are of a white or yellow thermoplastic material. The Markings Program now requires the installation of a black thermoplastic border next to the white or yellow marking. This border enhances contrast with the roadway surface and improves driver visibility.

The thermoplastic striping machine 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 petrodiesel.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole bid. This vendor is the only dealer in the Austin and San Antonio area who can provide a thermoplastic striping body with a truck cab and chassis.
- b. Eighty-one notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. One bid was received, with no response from the MBE.
- c. This is the first recent purchase for this item; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Sole bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Transportation Department and Fleet's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.