

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 48**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with AMERICAN MATERIAL HANDLING, INC., Lilburn, GA, for the purchase of a forklift with rough-terrain capability for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$83,476.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

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

**MBE/WBE:** This Cooperative Contract is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

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This contract is for the purchase of one new forklift equipped with rough-terrain capability and a lift height of 44 feet to be used by Austin Energy's Substation Construction and Maintenance Division. This forklift is necessary to move, load, and unload various types of equipment and supplies that are stored on stacked pallets.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection Team and Fleet Services 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.

This forklift 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.

This equipment has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, appropriate 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.

American Material Handling, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply various types of equipment to other public entities statewide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.