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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

54536

Agenda Number

33.

Meeting Date:

February 25, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative with W.W. GRAINGER INC for two floor scrubbers in an amount not to exceed \$93,587.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$93,587 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Public Works.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council
Action:



For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:



Related Items:



MBE / WBE:

This cooperative contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this contract, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of two new floor scrubbers for Public Works.

The equipment has 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. Funding for these pieces of equipment has been approved by Council in the current fiscal budget.

An analysis was conducted to determine the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative (NJPA) contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the equipment prices and is able to fully meet the needs of the departments listed above. W.W. GRAINGER INC is contracted through NJPA to supply equipment to other public entities as a result of a competitive bidding process.

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop an equipment purchasing process to progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. This purchasing standard incorporates the following criteria: pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the equipment, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

The equipment is powered by an engine capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petrodiesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City currently purchases is soy-based biodiesel blended with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Low Emissions Diesel compliant ultra-low sulfur diesel. A new technology piece of equipment operating on B20 produces at least 10% less particulate matter, at least 10% less carbon monoxide, and at least 10% less unburned hydrocarbons than one running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.