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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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54538

Agenda Number

35.

Meeting Date:

February 25, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of two contracts through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule Cooperative for medium and heavy duty vehicles with ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC. in an amount not to exceed \$366,372 and POLARIS SALES INC. in an amount not to exceed \$123,730, for a total amount not to exceed \$490,102.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$366,372 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Transportation Department. Funding in the amount of \$110,471 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Aviation. Funding in the amount of \$13,259 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Fleet Services.

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 contracts are for the purchase of two replacement vehicles and eight new vehicles to be distributed among Animal Services, Aviation, and Transportation.

The vehicles 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 review the list of vehicles determined eligible by Fleet Services for replacement based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the proposed vehicle is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use. Funding for these vehicles has been approved by Council in the current fiscal budget.

An analysis was conducted to determine the Texas Multiple Award Schedule Cooperative (TXMAS) contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the lowest vehicle prices and is able to fully meet the needs of the departments listed above. Each of the awarded companies, listed in the subject line, are contracted through TXMAS to supply vehicles to other public entities as a result of a competitive bidding process.

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop a vehicle 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 vehicle, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all vehicle purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

Three of these vehicles are powered by an engine capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). 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 vehicle 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%.

Seven of these vehicles are electrically powered and emit zero tailpipe emissions. Electric vehicles contribute to the City's goal of making its vehicle fleet carbon-neutral by 2020. In addition, electric vehicles charged on the Austin Energy Plug-in Everywhere network are powered using GreenChoice (100% renewable energy) power, eliminating criteria air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions.

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 downtime. New units must be put on order as soon as possible to ensure their place in the production schedule in order to be received before old units are rendered unusable.

The vehicles in this purchase will be assigned to the following City departments:

Animal Services

One utility vehicle – Replacement

Aviation

Seven electric utility vehicles – New

Transportation

One bucket truck – Replacement
One bucket truck – New