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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	59189	Agenda Number	47.
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE program for the purchase of vehicles with SILSBEE FORD, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$172,280.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$128,655 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$43,625 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Public Works.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Marian Moore, Buyer II, 512-974-2062			
Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This 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 required for this contract, there were no subcontracting opportunities and no certified M/WBEs, therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract is for the purchase of five new vehicles and one replacement vehicle to be distributed among the Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works.

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 vehicles are reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified vehicles are 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 Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) 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. The awarded company, listed in the subject line, is contracted through BuyBoard 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.

Five of these vehicles are flex-fuel vehicles capable of operating on gasoline (typically 6-10% ethanol) up to E85 (85% ethanol blended with 15% gasoline). New technology flex-fuel vehicles operating on E85 produce tailpipe nitrous oxide, carbon monoxide, and non-methane hydrocarbon levels no different from running on gasoline while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20%.

One of these vehicles is 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%.

The replacement vehicle has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected the vehicle to be replaced and determined that the mileage or hours of use of the 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 the old units are rendered unusable.

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

Parks and Recreation Department

Five Ford F150 trucks – New

Public Works

One Ford F350 truck - Replacement