

**SUBJECT:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) with **SANTEX TRUCK CENTERS, LTD** for the purchase of four roll-off chassis in an amount not to exceed \$484,922.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** . Funding in the amount of \$484,922 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**PURCHASING:** Cooperative Purchase.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on October 10, 2012.

**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). These contracts are cooperative contracts; therefore, they are exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for these contracts.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer/972-2035

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This contract is for the purchase of four replacement pieces of heavy-duty equipment to be used by the Austin Resource Recovery Department.

This purchase includes the following heavy-duty equipment:

Austin Resource Recovery

4 Roll-off Chassis – Replacement

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team 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 vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

All of this equipment is powered with engines 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.

All of the replacement equipment has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined

that the mileage or hours of use of each piece proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The new piece of equipment was also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Santex Truck Centers, LTD is contracted through HGAC to supply these types of equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment order.