



**To:** Zero Waste Advisory Commission

**From:** Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

**Date:** June 12, 2013

**Subject:** **Procurement of Medium-Duty Vehicles**

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The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to take action resulting in the authorization to purchase four (4) medium-duty vehicles by way of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) from PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD. in an amount not to exceed \$165,121.60.

***Background***

This contract provides for the purchase of a total of 38 medium-duty vehicles for 12 separate departments. ARR's portion of this purchase, and the subject of this agenda item, consists of the following items:

Four (4) Ford F450 Regular Cab Platform Truck for Carts Maintenance – Total Cost: \$165,121.60

***Contract Timeline***

June 12<sup>th</sup> – ZWAC Meeting

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Estimated Date for City Council Consideration/Action

These vehicles are powered with engines capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City of Austin currently purchases is TXLED compliant, ultra-low sulfur diesel, with the TCEQ approved KERN additive. 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 from running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.

PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD. is contracted through the Buy Board to supply these types of vehicles to public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing these cooperative contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's vehicle/equipment orders.

***Staff Recommendation***

Staff recommends City Council authorization for the award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD. providing for the purchase of medium-duty service vehicles for Austin Resource Recovery in an amount not to exceed \$165,121.60.