

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	24899	Agenda Number	33.
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Meeting Date:	June 20, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule with TENNANT SALES AND SERVICE COMPANY for the purchase of two floor scrubbers for the Austin Convention Center Department in an amount not to exceed \$96,098.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Services Fund.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract is in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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**Additional Backup Information**

The contract is for the purchase of 2 Tennant floor scrubbers and will be assigned to the Austin Convention Center Department. The scrubbers are ride-on machines that are used to clean the exhibit hall floors before and after events held at the facilities. These floor scrubbers are powered by propane.

Propane is a domestically produced, well-established, clean-burning fuel that increases energy security, provides convenience and performance benefits, and improves public health and the environment. Propane costs less than gasoline and offers a comparable driving range to conventional fuel. Propane is nontoxic, nonpoisonous, and insoluble in water plus is a cleaner-burning fuel than conventional gasoline and diesel due to its lower carbon content which offers life cycle greenhouse (GHG) emissions benefits over gasoline. Switching to propane from gasoline can also result in substantial air pollutant reductions of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and oxides of nitrogen.

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. The purchasing criteria incorporate 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.

The vehicles in this RCA 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.

Tennant Sales and Service Company is contracted through TXMAS to supply this type of equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing TXMAS contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment orders.