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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	29151	Agenda Number	55.
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Meeting Date:	December 12, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS, LP for the purchase of seven mowers for the Parks and Recreation Department in an amount not to exceed \$92,230.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Fleet Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption 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

This contract is for the purchase of seven additional mowers for the Park and Recreation department for the new cemetery maintenance program.

The mowers in this purchase will be assigned to the following City Departments:

Parks and Recreation Department

5 60" Zero Turn LPG Mowers – New

2 72" Zero Turn LPG Mowers – New

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

Seven of these mowers 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.

The new mowers 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.