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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

36824

Agenda Number

16.

Meeting Date:

October 16, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative with CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET DBA BABY JACK II AUTOMOTIVE, LTD for the purchase of two light-duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$64,880.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$64,880 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Cooperative Purchase.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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Boards and

Commission Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded 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 solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of two new Chevrolet Tahoes to be distributed to the Emergency Medical Services Department. The vehicles will be used for the Community Health Paramedic Program.

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 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.

The two vehicles are flex fuel vehicles that are capable of operating on gasoline which is typically 6-10% ethanol, up

to E85 which is 85% ethanol blended with 15% gasoline. Flex fuel vehicles operating on E85 produce tailpipe NOx, 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%.

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.