

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	38984	Agenda Number	13.
Meeting Date:	January 29, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative with SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP for five ambulances in an amount not to exceed \$1,177,015.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$977,015 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Fleet Vehicle Acquisition Fund. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 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:	Sandy Wirtanen, Buyer II, 512-974-7711			
Boards and Commission Action:	█			
Related Items:	█			
MBE / WBE:	This cooperative 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 four replacement ambulances and one additional ambulance for the Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS). These units will be complete with the cab, chassis and ambulance body. Overall, the City maintains a fleet of 76 ambulances, 22 of which are held in reserve and rotated to the stations as appropriate.

EMS is currently anticipating initially using these ambulances at the following locations:

Station 1	3616 S. 1 st Street
Station 3	1305 Red River Street
Station 4	1201 Webberville Road
Station 5	5710 N. Lamar Boulevard
Station 6	401 E. 5 th Street

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 Services.

All of the vehicles are powered with engines capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City 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%.

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.

Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible by Fleet Services for replacement based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed vehicle was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of the replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.