

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	40372	Agenda Number	22.
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with FARBER SPECIALTY VEHICLES for a van in an amount not to exceed \$149,983.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Stanton Foundation Grant Budget of the Animal 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:	February 11, 2015 – Recommended by the Animal Advisory Commission on a 4-0-0 vote.			
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 contract.			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract is for the purchase of a Ford van to be used as a mobile adoption unit for Animal Services. On September 24, 2014, Council approved an ordinance accepting the \$150,000 grant. The Stanton Foundation (originally the Ruth and Frank Stanton Fund) is a philanthropic organization established by Frank Stanton and his wife in 1991. A mobile adoption vehicle will enable Animal Services to increase the number and type of off-site adoption events. Numbers for additional adoptions could increase by 25-30%, as the unit is mobile and prospective adopters that would not ordinarily be reached from the main Animal Services Office will now have the opportunity to adopt animals. Extending Animal Services beyond the shelter facility will increase the convenience of adopting a homeless pet and raise awareness of the Austin Animal Center. As a leading no-kill community for three years, it is important to continue to enhance the Animal Services off-site adoption program as the community continues to grow in population.

The vehicle in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACM). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

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.

This vehicle is powered by an engine capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petrodiesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City currently purchases is ultra-low sulfur diesel, with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved Kern additive compliant with the Texas Low Emissions Diesel Program. 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 petrodiesel, while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.