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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	40383	Agenda Number	25.
Meeting Date:	February 26, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative for heavy duty equipment with CLOSNER EQUIPMENT CO INC. for the purchase of one slip form paver in an amount not to exceed \$354,635 and SANTEX TRUCK CENTER, LTD. for the purchase of six heavy duty vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$624,147, for a total amount not to exceed \$978,782.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$109,312 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility Department. Funding in the amount of \$203,273 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Vehicle Acquisition Fund for the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$540,592 is available in the 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$125,605 is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 11, 2015 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 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				

These contracts are for the purchase of five replacement vehicles, one new vehicle and one new curb laydown machine to be distributed among the Austin Water Utility, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, and Watershed Protection Department.

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.

All of these vehicles and pieces of equipment are powered by engines capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). 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 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 (ACM). 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 ensure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of these 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 downtime.

The vehicles and pieces of equipment in this purchase will be assigned to the following departments:

Austin Water Utility Department

One International 7400 6X4 truck – Replacement

Parks and Recreation Department

One International 7300 4X2 truck – Replacement

One International 7400 6X4 truck – Replacement

Public Works Department

One curb laydown machine – New

One International 7300 4X2 truck – Replacement

One International 7400 6X4 truck – New

Watershed Protection Department

One International 7600 6X4 truck – Replacement