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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	46341	Agenda Number	50.
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of three contracts through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative for light duty vehicles with FREEDOM CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM in an amount not to exceed \$220,569, NATIONAL BUS SALES in an amount not to exceed \$965,159, and SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP in an amount not to exceed \$287,103, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,472,831.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$965,159 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department. Funding in the amount of \$287,103 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$220,569 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Vehicle Acquisition Fund.				
Fiscal Note				
An expense detail for the capital expense by Aviation is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase for light duty vehicles.			
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:	June 9, 2015 – Approved by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Hart and Kelsey absent.			
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. Per the City's Small and Minority Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Additional Backup Information				

These contracts are for the purchase of one replacement vehicle and nine new vehicles to be distributed among Aviation Department, Emergency Medical Services, and the Fire Department.

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.

An analysis was conducted to determine the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the lowest vehicle and equipment prices and is able to fully meet the needs of the departments listed above. Each of the awarded companies, listed in the subject line, are contracted through HGAC to supply vehicles and equipment to other public entities as a result of a competitive bidding process.

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.

Four of these vehicles are powered by an engine 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 than one running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.

Six of these vehicles 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 in addition to being a cleaner-burning fuel than conventional gasoline and diesel. Switching to propane from gasoline can also result in substantial air pollutant reductions of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and oxides of nitrogen.

The replacement vehicle has 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. New units must be put on order as soon as possible to ensure their place in the production schedule in order to be received before old units are rendered unusable.

The vehicles in this purchase will be assigned to the following City departments:

Aviation

Six buses – New

Emergency Medical Services

Three ambulances – New

Austin Fire Department

One smoke buster – Replacement