

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	50089	<b>Agenda Number</b>	61.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 17, 2015			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
Authorize execution of a contract with TRACKED LIFTS, INC. to provide an articulated lift in an amount not to exceed \$99,800.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Lowest bid received.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	█			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Sandy Wirtanen, Buyer II, 512-974-7711			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	█			
<b>Related Items:</b>	█			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	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 an articulated lift for the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC). This unit will support PARC's Urban Forestry division. The unit facilitates the care and pruning of trees located in areas of parks that are inaccessible by PARC's current fleet of heavy trucks.

The piece of equipment 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 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 equipment, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

This piece of equipment is 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. Equipment 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%.

Forestry has been unable to properly trim trees located along trails and in cemeteries with their current fleet. Without this unit, the areas will continue to become overgrown, becoming hazardous to citizens.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION:**

**IFB SLW0113REBID**

72 Foot Articulated Lift

(1 Line Item)

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price</u></b>
Tracked Lifts, Inc. East Berlin, PA	\$99,800
American Material Handling Watkinsville, GA	\$129,415
Equipment Depot Pflugerville, TX	\$148,904

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: [https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/solicitation/search.cfm](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm)

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

a. Adequate competition.

b. 103 notices were sent including two MBEs and one WBE. Three bids were received with no response from the

MBEs/WBEs. Multiple notices may be sent to the same vendor, e.g. one company may have multiple email addresses/fax numbers listed.

c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

a. Lowest bid received.

b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Fleet Services Department's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.