

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	50093	Agenda Number	62.
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Meeting Date:	September 17, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize 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 \$242,739.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Sandy Wirtanen, Buyer II, 512-974-7711
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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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.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of a 35 foot specialty van that will provide mobile library (bookmobile) services to communities while their branch libraries are closed for renovation. As facilities age, the Austin Public Library (APL) has found it necessary to close facilities in order to replace worn and deteriorated finishes, retrofit obsolete and failing building elements, and to upgrade accessibility to new ADA standards. While community libraries are closed for necessary improvements, it is a hardship for the residents, particularly youth, not to have access to library services in their area.

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%.

The APL sold its last bookmobile in 1979 when this service was discontinued due to different funding priorities at the time.