

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	54529	Agenda Number	29.
Meeting Date:	February 25, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract with PAT'S GARAGE to provide refurbished Prius battery packs in an amount not to exceed \$77,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Fleet Services.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Sole source			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Sandy Wirtanen, Senior Buyer, 512-974-7711			
Boards and Commission Action:	[REDACTED]			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded as a sole source and is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is to purchase refurbished battery packs for Fleet Services Toyota Prius vehicles. The City's fleet currently has 33 Toyota Prius vehicles that have been converted to electric plug-in hybrids.

Fleet Services received a federal grant in 2009 to convert 33 vehicles to plug-in hybrids and install 33 plug-in charging stations in an effort to reduce emissions. The grant has been satisfied; however, the lifespan of the battery pack, typically 3-5 year, has expired and needs to be replaced. Fleet Services is requesting to purchase up to 22 refurbished battery packs to continue reducing the carbon footprint and moving towards the City's 2020 carbon neutral goal.

The battery packs require Hymotion L-5 batteries that were originally manufactured by A123 Systems. A123 Systems filed for bankruptcy in 2012, and no longer services or supports the Hymotion L-5 battery packs. The only company able to provide refurbished Hymotion L-5 battery packs for the City's electric hybrid Toyota Prius vehicles is Pat's

Garage.

If the City is unable to enter into a contract, the Toyota Prius vehicles cannot be converted to plug-in hybrids. Therefore, Fleet Services will not be able to continue efforts reducing the carbon footprint and moving towards the City's 2020 carbon neutral goal.