

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	59192	Agenda Number	49.
Meeting Date:	June 23, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the TARRANT COUNTY cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of trucks with GRAPEVINE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$83,906.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$83,906 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Transportation Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for this item. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meet the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Marian Moore, Buyer II, 512-974-2062			
Boards and Commission Action:	[REDACTED]			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this contract, there no subcontracting opportunities and no certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of two replacement Ram 1500 trucks for the Transportation Department.

The trucks have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected department directors, and assistant city managers (ACMs). 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 trucks determined eligible by Fleet Services for replacement based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the proposed trucks are reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to ensure the specified trucks are appropriate for the use. Funding for these trucks has been approved by Council in the current fiscal budget.

An analysis was conducted to determine the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the lowest truck 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 the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program to supply trucks 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. This 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.

These two trucks are 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 soy-based biodiesel blended with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Low Emissions Diesel compliant ultra-low sulfur diesel. 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%.

Both of these replacement trucks have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each truck to be replaced and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each truck 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.