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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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60255

Agenda Number

20.

Meeting Date:

August 4, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE program for vehicles with SILSBEE FORD, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$84,062.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$29,372 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Building Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$54,690 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

Prior Council
Action:



For More
Information:

Marian Moore, Buyer II, 512-974-2062

Boards and
Commission
Action:



Related Items:

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 were no subcontracting opportunities identified; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of three new vehicles to be distributed among the Building Services Department and Emergency Medical Services.

The vehicles 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. Funding for these vehicles has been approved by Council in the current fiscal budget.

An analysis was conducted to determine the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the lowest vehicle prices and is able to fully meet the needs of the departments listed above. The awarded company, listed in the subject line, is contracted through BuyBoard to supply vehicles 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.

Two of these vehicles are flex-fuel vehicles capable of operating on gasoline (typically 6-10% ethanol) up to E85 (85% ethanol blended with 15% gasoline). New technology flex-fuel vehicles operating on E85 produce tailpipe nitrous oxide, carbon monoxide, and non-methane hydrocarbon levels no different from running on gasoline while also reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20%.

One of these vehicles is powered by hybrid-electric technology. These vehicles typically have improved fuel economy ranging from 5-75% over non-hybrid comparative vehicles. Improved fuel economy means less fuel used, reducing cost and tailpipe criteria air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions.

New units must be put on order as soon as possible to ensure their place in the production schedule.

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

Building Services Department

One Ford C-Max – New

Emergency Medical Services

Two Utility Interceptors - New