

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DATE: 4/9/2013 **REFERENCE NO.:** **P-11511 **LOG NAME:** 13P13-0097 BRUSH TRUCK EJH

CODE: P **TYPE:** CONSENT **PUBLIC HEARING:** NO

SUBJECT: Authorize Purchase of a Ford F-450 Brush Truck for the Fire Department from Chastang Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Chastang's Bayou City Ford in the Amount of \$158,485.00 Using a Cooperative Contract (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of a Ford F-450 brush truck for the Fire Department from Chastang Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Chastang's Bayou City Ford in the amount of \$158,485.00 using the Texas Association of School Boards Cooperative Contract No. 323-09 for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

The brush truck will be used by firefighters to transport personnel and equipment to fight brush, grass, structural and traffic-accident fires in areas with limited off-road access and where fast fire knockdowns with minimal liquid run off are desirable.

The truck will be a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) Ford F-450 4x4 off-road capable brush truck. The unit will have a front bumper mounted Akron Fire Fox monitor nozzle with a joy-stick controller mounted inside the cab to be used for operating the Fire Fox system without firefighters having to stop or exit the truck. The CAFS foaming system includes a 20 gallon foam concentrate tank built into the 300 gallon water tank and a GHH/RAND CE-55 rotary screw air compressor. All components of the CAFS system are skid-mounted and secured to the bed of the truck.

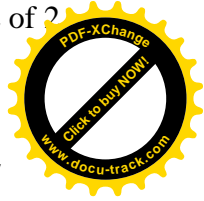
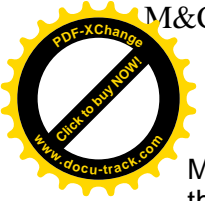
The CAFS is a highly effective fire fighting system. It provides the fastest fire knockdown time and uses a minimal amount of water. Using this system will considerably reduce the risk of damage from water and smoke to better protect firefighters and structural contents. In addition, using CAFS improves safety for the firefighters, preserves the site for arson investigation, and reduces impact on the environment.

The new brush truck will be used to replace an existing brush truck that can no longer be economically maintained. The old truck will be sold at auction upon delivery and acceptance of the new truck.

This equipment meets required specifications and is expected to operate satisfactorily during its service life. Warranty information, manufacturer's Statement of Origin, and original sales invoices will accompany the equipment upon delivery to the Fire Service Center located at 2920 West Bolt Street.

PRICE ANALYSIS - The price offered by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has decreased nine percent from the previous price awarded for a brush truck on September 27, 2011 (M&C P-11303). The price was obtained using TASB Cooperative Contract No. 323-09. Staff reviewed the price and determined it to be fair and reasonable.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE - State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchasing Agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. TASB contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities across the State of Texas.



M/WBE OFFICE: A waiver of the goal for MBE/SBE subcontracting requirements was requested by the Purchasing Division and approved by the M/WBE Office, in accordance with the M/WBE or BDE Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:

The Financial Management Services Director certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, of the New Equipment Purchases Fund.

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