



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DATE: 1/8/2013 **REFERENCE NO.:** **P-11476 **LOG NAME:** 13P13-0045 PARATRANSIT BUS EJH
CODE: P **TYPE:** CONSENT **PUBLIC HEARING:** NO
SUBJECT: Authorize Purchase of a Paratransit Bus from Alliance Bus Group, Inc., Using a Cooperative Contract and Homeland Security Grant Funds for the Fire Department in the Amount of \$88,870.00 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of a paratransit bus from Alliance Bus Group, Inc., using Houston Galveston Area Council Cooperative Contract No. BT01-11 and Homeland Security Grant funds for the Fire Department in the amount of \$88,870.00.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department will use this paratransit bus to transport fire crews to fire emergency operations and to training exercises. The bus will also be used to transport disabled citizens during emergency operations. The new paratransit bus will be a 2012 or newer Aero Elite F550 Type IIIHD Transit Bus.

The paratransit bus provides a fully automatic wheelchair lift with double outward opening wheelchair lift doors which complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additional ADA features include transmission interlock, retractable four point wheelchair securement tie downs and Freedman flip seats over the wheelchair positions with seatbelts. The City does not currently have any transportation units with these features. The new bus will be an addition to the fleet.

The bus meets required specifications and is expected to operate satisfactorily during its service life. The warranty information, manufacturer's statement of origin and original sales invoice will accompany the unit upon delivery to the Southside Service Center at 4100 Columbus Trail.

This purchase will be made using funds provided by the Homeland Security Grant Program. This grant program encourages jurisdictions to strengthen local and regional preparedness efforts and to seek benefits available through cooperative action.

PRICE ANALYSIS - The City has no recent purchasing history for a similar type and size paratransit bus. The price was obtained using Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Contract No. BT01-11. The Equipment Services Department (ESD) staff reviewed the proposed price and certified that the price is 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. HGAC contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities.

M/WBE - A waiver of the goal for MBE/SBE subcontracting requirements was requested by the Purchasing Division and approved by the M/WBE Office 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 Grants Fund.

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TO Fund/Account/Centers

FROM Fund/Account/Centers

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