

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Janie B. Cantu, Director of Purchasing & General Services

SUBJECT: Command Vehicle Bus Completion

DATE: July 14, 2005

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept the bid submitted by Grande Truck Center utilizing the Texas Buy Board contract to provide the City of San Antonio Fire Department with the completion of the conversion work for a command vehicle bus for a total of \$419,956.00. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 24, 2005 per Ordinance No. 100561, the City approved the purchase of one bus shell chassis. This contract will provide the City of San Antonio Fire Department with the conversion work for the Bluebird bus shell chassis. The bus shell chassis will be converted into a regional mobile command vehicle for the City's Fire Department, Fire Fighting Division through the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant budget for Homeland Security. The bus shell chassis/regional mobile command vehicle will supply and support the command needs for large-scale emergency incidents for the citizens of San Antonio, Bexar and Comal counties as well as the rest of the region.

The Fire Department currently has a command vehicle within their fleet; however, the current unit is thirty (30) years old, a 1965 Dreamliner bus that had been outfitted by the department at a very low cost. Once the new command vehicle has been outfitted, it will provide far more capability than any other vehicle of its kind within the State of Texas.

POLICY ANALYSIS


The conversion work will be contracted through Grande Truck Center utilizing the Texas Buy Board contract and will be made in accordance with the Inter-Local Participation Agreement with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative Ordinance No. 97097. This cooperative is administered by the Texas Municipal League. The products and services that are part of the cooperative have been competitively bid and awarded by the Cooperative's Board of Trustees based on Texas Statutes.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this contract is \$419,956.00. Funding will be from the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Budget for Homeland Security. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY2004-2005 Budget approved by City Council.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City of San Antonio Fire Department.

for 

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