



Legislation Text

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Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Paratransit Cutaway Bus Purchase

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of Paratransit Cutaway Buses, Special Tools/Equipment and Training from cooperative contracts,**
- B. Approve a contract with Model 1 Commercial for the purchase of paratransit cutaway buses for a term of one year under State of Oklahoma Master Contract #SW0797C, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contracts for additional terms while the cooperative contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contact.**

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Explanation

- The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has 85 Paratransit Revenue Vehicles for use in the Special Transportation Department.
- The useful life of a light to medium duty cutaway bus is defined as 5-7 years and/or 150,000 miles within Federal Transit Authority guidelines. After the useful life, the vehicles are eligible for retirement pursuant to federal regulation.
- The purchase of gasoline vehicles will support CATS efforts to align with the Strategic Energy Action Plan goals and tiers by using the least emission option available that meets the service needs and standards required by CATS Special Transportation Services.
- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(3) allows local governments to purchase from formally organized cooperative purchasing contracts.
- A cooperative purchasing agreement results from the consolidation and competitive solicitation of multiple public agency requirements. By aggregating common needs, all agencies can leverage economies of scale, such as volume discounts, improved terms and conditions, reduced administrative costs, and access to professional and technical expertise.
- Estimated first year expenditure is \$13,660,295, resulting in up to 55 vehicles.

Charlotte Business INclusion

These are cooperative purchasing contracts and are exempt from the CBI Program.

Fiscal Note

Funding: CATS Capital Improvement Program