



## REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
May 15, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Purchase of Chevrolet Bi-Fuel Vehicles

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) Approving utilization of the State of California alternative fuel vehicle contract with Coalinga Motors, Inc. for a cooperative purchase of Chevrolet Bi-Fuel vehicles; and 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to purchase of Chevrolet Bi-Fuel vehicles from Coalinga Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

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**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** General Services

**Division:** Fleet Management

**Organization No:** 3259

**Description/Analysis:**

**Issue:** The Department of General Services, Fleet Management Division, has a customer requirement to purchase bi-fuel vehicles for various departments within the City of Sacramento. Bi-fuel vehicle engines can utilize either unleaded gasoline or E85 (a combination of 85% ethanol and 15% unleaded gasoline). These vehicles are primarily replacements for older fleet vehicles in efforts to reduce emissions, and will be used in various capacities throughout the City of Sacramento.

In accordance with City Code 3.56.240 the City Manager may, by cooperative purchasing agreements approved by the City Council, purchase supplies through contracts of other governmental jurisdictions, without separate competitive bidding where it is advantageous to the City. The use of cooperative contracts



results in lower operating costs through volume purchasing and combining resources with other governmental agencies.

**Policy Considerations:** The recommendations in this report are in accordance with the provisions of the City Code Section 3.56.240 which allows for use of legal contracts from other jurisdictions or public agencies without separate competitive bidding by the City upon approval by the City Council.

**Committee/Commission Action:** Not Applicable

**Environmental Considerations:** The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of purchasing vehicles does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Categorical Exemption Section 15061(b)(3).

This purchase is consistent with the City's Low Emission Vehicle Acquisition Policy (Resolution No. 2004-613), and Fleet Fuel Strategies (Resolution No. 2005-454).

Fleet Management is continually seeking opportunities that will reduce emissions and dependence on non-renewable energy resources, and has recently applied for grant funding for E85 fueling infrastructure.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** In an ongoing effort to maximize cost savings and staff resources, many governmental agencies share contracting efforts through cooperative purchasing.

This report recommends that it is in the best interest of the City to accept the competitive bids obtained by the State of California (Contract No. 1-07-23-22) as the basis for authorizing a purchase from Coalinga Motors, Inc. to purchase five Chevrolet Tahoe and four Chevrolet Uplander bi-fuel vehicles.

**Financial Considerations:** There are sufficient funds available in the Department of General Services, Fleet Management operating budget in FY2006/07 to purchase up to five Chevrolet Tahoe and four Chevrolet Uplanders in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 from Coalinga Motors, Inc.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Coalinga Motors, Inc. is not certified as an Emerging/Small Business Enterprise (ESBE). There are no known ESBE firms in this market.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-XXXX**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**May 15, 2007**

**APPROVE UTILIZATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE CONTRACT WITH COALINGA MOTORS, INC. TO PURCHASE CHEVROLET BI-FUEL VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE OF CHEVROLET BI-FUEL VEHICLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 FROM COALINGA MOTORS, INC.**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Department of General Services, Fleet Management Division, has a customer requirement to purchase bi-fuel vehicles for various departments within the City of Sacramento. These vehicles are primarily replacements for older fleet vehicles in efforts to reduce emissions, and will be used in various capacities throughout the City of Sacramento.
- B. Fleet Management is continually seeking opportunities that will reduce emissions and dependence on non-renewable energy resources, and has recently applied for grant funding for E85 fueling infrastructure.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Utilization of the current State of California alternative fuel vehicle contract is hereby approved for the purchase of Chevrolet bi-fuel vehicles.
- Section 2. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to purchase up to five Chevrolet Tahoe and four Chevrolet Uplander bi-fuel vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in FY2006/07 from Coalinga Motors, Inc., 625 East Elm Street, Coalinga, CA.
- Section 3. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to issue the necessary purchase order and contract documents to procure equipment as described above.

