



Consent Item

Date: March 17, 2025

Division: Finance

Subject: Gasoline and Diesel Fuels – Cooperative Contract(s)

Background Information:

- Lewisville ISD purchases diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline to power its departmental and student transportation fleet.
 - There are approximately 190 Facility Services, Special Education, Technology, Agricultural Science, Textbook Warehouse, Child Nutrition, Construction, and Safety and Security district vehicles.
 - There are 285 school buses in the Lewisville ISD student transportation fleet.
- Both gasoline and diesel fuel are also used to power other equipment such as, but not limited to mowers, tractors, generators, pressure washers, pumps, striping machines, chainsaws, boom lifts, etc.
- LISD has previously utilized the Tarrant County Cooperative (TCC) Annual Contract to procure both diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline for use in LISD fleet vehicles and other equipment. The Tarrant County Cooperative consists of numerous counties, cities, universities, school districts and other entities, allowing the cooperative to use its approximately 564 members to leverage large-volume purchasing to receive more competitive pricing.
- The TCC annual contract renewal was approved at the Tarrant County Commissioners Court during the February 21, 2024, regular meeting with the same rates as the previous bid.
- From February 1, 2024, to February 1, 2025, LISD has purchased approximately 6,282 gallons of diesel fuel for Facility Services and other departmental use along with 72,430 gallons of unleaded gasoline. Additionally, from February 1, 2024, to February 1, 2025, LISD has purchased approximately 269,589 gallons of diesel fuel for the school buses in the student transportation fleet.
- Tarrant County contract pricing for fuel on February 1, 2025, was \$2.59 per gallon for mid-grade unleaded gasoline and \$2.43 per gallon for diesel fuel. The price per gallon will vary from day to day depending on the (OPIS) Oil Price Information Service.
- Texas Education Code (TEC) 44.031 requires competitive purchasing for contracts valued at \$50,000 or more in the aggregate for each 12-month period. However, TEC 44.031 also makes an exception to the requirement regarding contracts for the purchase of vehicle fuel.
- This exception provides LISD the flexibility to obtain multiple quote sources for vehicle fuel pricing in addition to the Tarrant County cooperative pricing.

- Best value involves considering several factors, which may include but are not limited to price, quality, availability, delivery timing, support, and other relevant factors.
- Interlocal Cooperative Contracts have gone through a competitive procurement process and comply with local, state, and federal procurement laws.

Administrative Consideration:

- Funds for this contract will come from district operating budget(s) and the LISD Student Transportation budget.
- Previous annual expenditures for LISD fuel are approximately \$1,370,268 including:
 - 2024–2025: \$212,718 for Facility Services and other departments.
 - 2024–2025: \$1,157,550 for Lewisville ISD student transportation.
- Total estimated expenditures for fiscal year 2025–2026: \$1,535,000 - this amount reflects the potential for volatility in pricing for this commodity.
 - Facility Services and departmental estimated expenditures for fiscal year 2025–2026: \$235,000 but will not exceed the approved budgets.
 - Lewisville ISD Student Transportation estimated expenditures for fiscal year 2025–2026: \$1,300,000 but will not exceed the approved budget.
- This procurement complies with Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code.

Recommendations:

- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the use of the Tarrant County #2023-070 Annual Contract for Fuel and the use of fuel quotes obtained from other sources for vehicle gasoline and diesel fuel purchases.
- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the estimated expenditures for 12 months with the associated awarded vendors to help determine the best value.

Timeline/Report:

- Term: April 2025 – April 2026