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Standardization

Definition

Standardization is the process of implementing and developing technical standards based on the consensus of different parties. Standardization can help to maximize compatibility, interoperability, and facilitate commoditization of formerly custom processes.



Why Standardize ?

Williamson County fleet is comprised of many diverse vehicle types owing to the numerous functions they must perform. With technological evolution, even within the same make and model of vehicle over several years, you can easily end up with hundreds of variations in a fleet. Standardizing a fleet can greatly reduce the degree of diversity and the many problems it brings, such as:

- Streamline Purchasing
- Cost Reduction
- Fairness to employees
- More Productive and Efficient Fleet Shop



Williamson County Fleet

Vehicle Make	Vehicles	Vehicle Models
Chevrolet	315	19
Dodge	50	8
Ford	225	41
Freightliner	34	7
Honda	3	3
International	28	6
Nissan	4	3
Other	48	15
	707	102

Process / Next Steps



1

Form Vehicle
Standardization
Review Committee



2

Develop Needs
Questionnaire



3

Interviews for
supplemental
information



4

Develop
Recommended
Standardized
Purchasing Process

5

Present to
Commissioners Court
for approval

Vehicle Standardization Option 1

Budget Cap on Total Vehicle

*For Example: Total
Vehicle Not to Exceed
\$52K*

Pros

- Purchaser can customize as they see fit

Cons

- Multiple variations of same vehicle
- Expanded Fleet parts inventory needed or increased wait times for parts to be ordered
- Multiple Purchase Orders needed
- More risk for pricing discrepancies
- Less Flexibility w/ County Fleet

Vehicle Standardization Option 2

Budget Cap on Vehicle/Upfitting

For Example: Vehicle Not to Exceed \$42K; Upfitting Not to Exceed \$10K

Pros

- Purchaser can customize within Accessories budget allotted
- Potential savings if either category comes in under budget

Cons

- Multiple variations of same vehicle
- Expanded Fleet parts inventory needed or increased wait times for parts to be ordered
- Multiple Purchase Orders needed
- Possible to compromise safety to fit within budget

Vehicle Standardization Option 3

Complete Standardization

For Example: Vehicle Specs to Include Upfitting 100% Defined by Position

Pros

- Unified fleet
- Reduced Purchase Orders
- Bulk pricing
- Focused Fleet parts inventory
- Less room for pricing discrepancies

Cons

- Does not allow for Department customization

QUESTIONS?