

ITEM # 13
Date 02-26-08

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE CONTRACT

INFORMATION:

Ames Transit Agency staff is recommending the award of a contract to Gillig Corporation for the purchase of one – 40' heavy duty transit bus. Total contract amount is not to exceed \$335,000. The Ames Transit Board of Trustees approved the award of contract for this bus at its February 20, 2008 meeting.

This order will be combined with an earlier purchase of three buses approved by the Council at its September 7, 2007 meeting. Delivery of the four vehicles is expected by late July or early August 2008. This additional bus purchase is due to a recent release by the Iowa Department of Transportation of Federal statewide bus procurement dollars.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may award a contract to Gillig Corporation for one (1) - 40' Heavy Duty Gillig Lowfloor Transit bus for a total price not to exceed \$335,000.
2. Do not approve a contract at this time and direct staff to take another course of action.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the City Manager's recommendation that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving a contract with Gillig Corporation for the delivery of one additional 40' Heavy Duty Lowfloor Transit Bus.