

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – DUMP BODY WITH CONTROL SYSTEM AND WING PLOW FOR SINGLE-AXLE DUMP TRUCK

BACKGROUND:

There are seven single-axle dump trucks used for street maintenance and snow plowing operations. There is one smaller truck a Ford F450 truck with flat bed also used for maintenance and snow removal. This F450 is at the end of its lifecycle and now due to be replaced. The size and configuration of this truck limits the effectiveness for snow removal and other maintenance functions.

Budgeted in FY 2012/13 is a proposed replacement of this existing truck with a single-axle dump truck making it the eighth dump truck of this size in the fleet. This new single-axle dump truck will be equipped for snow removal with front mount for a plow, and wing plow. **Included in this bid is for a 10-foot dump body and control system, along with a 9-foot wing plow. The truck chassis will be bid at a later date.**

Only one bid was received, from Henderson Truck Equipment, Manchester, IA., for all equipment as specified in the bid request. The City is rejecting the purchase of the 10-foot underbody scraper, as noted.

Bidder

Henderson Truck Equipment

10-Foot Dump Body and Control System	50,718.00
9-Foot Wing Plow	10,500.00
10-Foot Underbody Scraper	6,800.00
<i>(Delete purchase of underbody scraper)</i>	<u>(6,800.00)</u>
Total	\$ 61,218.00

Funding Available

Replacement funds available	\$130,200.00
Estimated salvage value of Ford F450	5,500.00
Less estimated cost of new dump truck chassis	<u>\$ (73,000.00)</u>
Total	\$ 62,700.00

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve and award this bid to Henderson Truck Equipment, Manchester, IA., for one 10-foot dump body and control system for \$50,718, one 9-foot wing plow for \$10,500, and reject the purchase of the underbody scraper for \$6,800 for a total of \$61,218.
2. Delay award of bid.
3. Reject award of bid.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Director of Fleet Services and Public Works Staff agree it is important to provide optimal operating conditions to those pieces of equipment which respond to severe weather conditions. Staff believes that the purchase of a dump body and control system, along with wing plow for this single-axle truck chassis will provide the best and most economical equipment for maintenance and snow removal for the City of Ames. Payment and delivery of this equipment will occur after July 1, 2013.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No.1, thereby approving to award this bid to Henderson Truck Equipment, Manchester, IA., for one 10-foot dump body and control system for \$50,718, one 9-foot wing plow for \$10,500, and reject the purchase of the 10-foot underbody scraper for \$6,800, for a total of \$61,218. If this recommendation is approved, \$73,000 will be available for purchase of the associated truck chassis.