

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FLEET ACQUISITION PROGRAM – UTILITY WORK MACHINE AND ATTACHMENTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Water & Pollution Control Department has requested the purchase of one utility work vehicle with tool attachments for the new Water Plant. The unique multifunction design of this work vehicle meets the requirements of many diverse tasks currently performed, and for tasks at the new water treatment plant. Water operations staff identified tool attachments to be purchased for this multifunction machine. Bids were solicited, and one bid was received.

The bid has been evaluated for the purchase of the machine as follows:

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Make / Model</u></b>	<b><u>Base Bid</u></b>
Bobcat of Ames	Bobcat / Toolcat 5600	\$55,403.16
<b><u>Attachments (List includes only selected)</u></b>		
	Angle Broom	\$ 4,039.40
	Mower, 90-inch	\$ 4,278.80
	General Purpose Bucket 68-in.	\$ 661.67
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,383.03</b>

Evaluation of the bid has determined the machine and attachments are acceptable.

Funding for this equipment purchase is included in the current year Capital Improvement Plan as part of the New Water Treatment Plant project. The budget includes \$175,000 for procurement of maintenance equipment, including this Toolcat. Along with other maintenance equipment with a useful life of less than 20 years, this vehicle is being purchased from the Water Utility Fund, and is not included in the 20-year State Revolving Fund loan. Depreciation and O&M expenses will come from the Water Plant operating budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award this bid to Bobcat of Ames for a 2016 Bobcat Toolcat Model 5600 with the selected attachments for \$64,383.03
2. Reject the bids and re-bid.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Purchasing the Bobcat Toolcat and selected attachments will provide a quality machine to meet the various service requirements at the new Water Plant for a reasonable price.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby approving the award of this bid to Bobcat of Ames for a 2016 Bobcat Toolcat Model 5600 with the selected attachments for \$64,383.03.