

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: FLEET ACQUISITION PROGRAM – SELF-CONTAINED ROTARY
SNOW BLOWER, WHEEL LOADER MOUNT**

BACKGROUND:

The Street Maintenance Division of Public Works operates numerous types of snow plowing and removal equipment, including one large, 26-year-old, self contained rotary snow blower that is transported by a wheel loader. Approval to purchase a second snow blower of equal size and function was approved in the FY 2011/12 budget. In order to take delivery of this new unit in time for next winter, bids were solicited and received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Fair Mfg. Inc., Menno, SD	Snocrete 842SI	\$ 73,500

This was the only bid received. It is the new version of the current model in the fleet and is acceptable in both design and price.

This new unit will be utilized at the City's airport to clear the runways. This will increase the service level provided to airport users, since previously some flyers were forced to land elsewhere until the runways could be cleared with smaller equipment. After clearing the runways, this unit will then help clear snow from the City's streets. The adopted 2011-12 budget includes \$75,000 from the Airport Construction Fund for this purchase.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a bid to Fair Mfg. Inc., Menno, SD, for one Snocrete 842SI snow blower at a cost of \$73,500, with delivery after July 1, 2011.
2. Reject the bid and direct staff to review the specifications and re-bid the equipment.
3. Delay award of this bid and ask for more information.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff from Fleet Services and Public Works evaluated this unit prior to bidding and determined it to be acceptable. The manufacturer indicates delivery will be after July 1, and between 60 to 90 days from receipt of order, to compliment the snow and ice program next winter.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving award of this bid to Fair Mfg. Inc., Menno, SD, for one Snocrete 842SI snow blower at a cost of \$73,500, with delivery after July 1, 2011.