

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: MOTOR GRADER RENTAL FOR PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS
DIVISION SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ACTIVITIES**

BACKGROUND:

Each year, Public Works Operations Division rents a motor grader to perform snow removal on the City's main roadways. This equipment is critical to maintaining traffic flow in Ames during the winter months. The motor grader rental is included in the department's FY 2022/23 budget. Bids were solicited for a 5-month rental of one motor grader for November 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, with an option to rent for a sixth month.

Only one bid was received for this equipment rental, from Ziegler Caterpillar:

Bidder	Make/Model	Year	Transport Fees	Rental Fee
Ziegler Caterpillar, Minneapolis, MN	CAT 140M AWD	2018 or newer	\$400 each way	\$10,000 Per Month

Ziegler Caterpillar's monthly rental bid of \$10,000/month for up to 6 months and \$400 each way transport fees for one motor grader during the FY 2022/23 snow season meets the City's specification and is acceptable. Last snow season the cost for the rental was \$43,300.

There is \$75,000 budgeted for fleet equipment leases in the Snow and Ice Control Activity to fund the \$61,000 lease.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Ziegler Caterpillar of Minneapolis, MN for the rental of one motor grader during the 2022 - 2023 snow season for \$10,000/month for up to 6 months and \$400 each way transport fees.
2. Reject the bid.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The addition of a motor grader to the City's snow and ice control operations provides a substantial improvement in the level of service staff can provide for motorists. Leasing a grader each season provides a greater value than purchasing this equipment, and ensures the equipment is of the highest quality each year.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.