

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

03-193

AGENDA:

APRIL 21, 2003

SUBJECT:

PURCHASE OF
ROTARY CART
LIFTERS
("FLIPPERS")

TYPE:

- **RESOLUTION**
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM 73C

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS —

This action would award the bid for procurement of fifteen Model 3063 rotary cart lifters ("flippers") for existing Solid Waste fleet vehicles to Toter, Inc. (Larry Boppe, President, 841 Meacham Road, Statesville, North Carolina 28677). Toter, Inc. submitted the low bid. These rotary cart lifters will help to accommodate implementation of semi-automated solid waste collection.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The cost per unit for each of the cart lifters is \$2,514.42 with an estimated total cost of \$37,716.30. This purchase will be funded through the Solid Waste Enterprise Account, contingent upon the projected fee increase in item 73A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Award of the bid to Toter, Inc.

BACKGROUND —

On April 2, 2001, automated solid waste collection began for approximately 4,000 households in Des Moines. The program expanded to approximately 11,500 households in 2002. Expansion of automated/semi-automated collection involves both the segmented procurement of additional automated vehicles and the retrofitting of existing vehicles with rotary cart lifters.

The purchasing agent mailed three invitations to bid to supply fifteen Model 3063 rotary cart lifters. Three companies responded with Toter, Inc. as the low bid. This purchase will help to accommodate implementation of semi-automated solid waste until such time that full automation is completed.

