

CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:

03-195

AGENDA:

APRIL 21, 2003

SUBJECT:

PURCHASE OF  
TRUCK CHASSIS  
AND AUTOMATED  
SOLID WASTE  
COLLECTION  
BODIES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR

ITEM 73B

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

**SYNOPSIS —**

Recommend award of bid for three truck chassis to Peterbilt of Des Moines (Brad Wilson, President, 3445 Adventureland Drive, Altoona, Iowa), and award of bid for three Wayne Curbtender solid waste collection bodies to Elliott Equipment Company (Phillip Allen, President, 5225 Beisser Drive, Grimes, Iowa).

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Purchase of the truck chassis for \$258,489 and three solid waste collection bodies for \$135,201 is proposed via the City's master lease agreement, with funds from the City's Solid Waste Enterprise Account. Funding for the purchase is contingent upon the projected fee increase and final approval of the finance mechanism for lease/purchase arrangements.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND —**

On September 24, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2936, the City Council authorized the Public Works Director to proceed with expansion of the automated solid waste collection program. In conjunction with that expansion, on February 28, 2003, the Purchasing Agent issued specifications for three truck chassis and solid waste collection bodies.

The Purchasing Agent mailed 12 invitations to bid and four companies responded. The low qualified bid on truck chassis was Peterbilt of Des Moines. The low bidder on automated solid waste collection bodies was Elliott Equipment Company.

Following are the results of staff's review of the bids submitted:

**Three (3) Automated Side-Loading Refuse Trucks with Cab Over Chassis – Truck Chassis in accordance with Specification 02-03-28**

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Reject low bid submitted by Peterbilt of Des Moines due to non-compliance of engine and transmission. They bid a 275 horsepower engine and Allison medium duty transmission; a 300 horsepower engine and Allison heavy-duty transmission were specified.

Reject second low bid submitted by Freightliner of Des Moines, Inc., due to non-compliance of the rear suspension. They bid a Freightliner "Tuf-Trac" and a Hendrickson HN or Chalmers Load Guard was specified.

Award to the third low bid to Peterbilt of Des Moines for the purchase of three substantially compliant 2004 Peterbilt 320 truck chassis at a total cost of \$258,489.

**Three (3) automated Side-Loading Refuse Trucks with Cab Over Chassis – Truck Body – in accordance with Specification 92-03-29**

Award to the low bidder, Elliott Equipment Company for the purchase of three substantially compliant 2003 Wayne Curbtender truck bodies at a cost of \$201,201 less trade-in of \$66,000 for Unit Nos. 692, 733, and 39, for a total cost of \$135,201 after trade-in.

Funding for procurement under the City's master lease agreement of the vehicles is currently provided for in the City's Solid Waste Enterprise Account.

