

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-246

AGENDA:

JUNE 9, 2003

SUBJECT:

PURCHASE OF
TWO 25,000 GVWR
TRUCKS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of awarding the bid for two 25,000 Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) trucks to Freightliner of Des Moines, Inc. (3601 Adventureland Drive, Altoona, Iowa 50009, Carl T. Schwab, President).

FISCAL IMPACT —

\$143,676—Funding for this purchase is currently budgeted in the equipment replacement fund of the Sewer Enterprise Account.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Public Works Department requested the purchasing agent advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of two 25,000 GVWR truck chassis and walk-in van bodies. The purchasing agent did advertise under sealed Bid No. VO3-146 dated March 28, 2003 and opened April 18, 2003. Eight bids were mailed; only one company responded—Freightliner of Des Moines, Inc., which submitted two bids. Their low bid was found to be non-compliant as a minimum of 260 amps is required from the vehicle's charging system to sufficiently support the vehicle's electrical requirements; the low bid only provides a 130 amp charging system. Their second low bid was in compliance with bid specifications as it provides a 270 amp charging system and, therefore, is considered to be the only responsive bid.

