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SUBJECT—

Purchase of two 56,000 GVWR trucks and accessory equipment for the Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF).

SYNOPSIS—

Four bids were received from two suppliers for the purchase of tandem axle trucks to be used at the WRF. The low bid from Truck Country includes accessory equipment (dump body) that is not acceptable due to previously experienced poor quality workmanship. The second low bid from Truck Country, 4300 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA, meets specifications, and Truck Country is the recommended supplier.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The low compliant bid for two trucks and accessory equipment is \$186,606 and is provided for in the current WRF operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The WRF plans to purchase two tandem axle, hook-loader-style trucks. Accessory equipment included with the trucks includes snow plows, dump bodies, and specialized containers. The hook lift trucks with multiple service boxes provide a great deal of flexibility in multiple applications at the WRF. The two trucks will replace three existing dump body trucks that are 10-model years old.

Low Bid Rejected

The low bid submitted by Truck Country in the amount of \$181,754.00 was rejected because of an unsatisfactory maintenance history with the dump body included in the bid. Actual experience with the dump body has revealed cracked structural components, broken welds and poorly designed operating components.

Apparent Second Low Bid Rejected

The apparent second low bid submitted by O'Halloran Intl., Inc. in the amount of \$182,908.00, required an add-on of \$5,000 for a total of \$187,908.00 in order to meet bid specifications requiring one of three approved snow plows: Schmidt, Monroe or Wausau. Consequently, the fully compliant bid submitted by Truck Country in the amount of \$186,606.00 is the second low bid.

Second Low Bid Accepted

The second low bid submitted by Truck Country in the amount of \$186,606.00 is compliant, and therefore, recommended by staff.