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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Public Works

SUBJECT—

Purchase of One 50-ton Capacity Sliding Triple-axle Equipment Trailer

SYNOPSIS—

Three bids were received for the purchase of a 50-ton capacity sliding triple-axle equipment trailer for use in the Public Works Department. The apparent low bid from RTL Equipment, Inc., 5612 Gateway Drive, Grimes, IA 50111, for an XL Specialized/XL-110-SA trailer in the amount of \$32,200 after trade failed to meet specifications and was rejected. The second low bid submitted by Midwest Trailers Plus, 548 29th Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265, for a Landoll 410 trailer was fully compliant and is recommended for purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding for purchase of the recommended trailer in the amount of \$32,971 after trade is currently available in the City's Equipment Replacement Fund.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The Street Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department utilizes a heavy-duty equipment trailer to transport large equipment ranging from asphalt lay-down machines to track dozers. Replacement of the existing unit is required, and bids were received from three companies for a new 50-ton capacity sliding triple-axle equipment trailer.

Low Bid Rejected

The low bid submitted by RTL Equipment, Inc. for an XL Specialized/XL-110-SA trailer in the amount of \$32,200 after trade failed to meet specifications requiring a minimum of four five-inch rollers. A minimum quantity was included in the specifications as the load is carried directly on them during operation of the sliding triple axle. The RTL undercarriage provides for only two four-inch rollers. Additionally, the unit bid lacked hydraulic control center lighting, which is required during evening hours associated with extended days and emergency operations.

Second Low Bid Accepted

The second low bid submitted by Midwest Trailers Plus for a Landoll Model 410 trailer in the amount of \$32,971 meets specifications with no exceptions, and is recommended for purchase.