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SUBJECT—

Authorization to Purchase Lift-arm Mechanisms for Automated Collection Vehicles.

SYNOPSIS—

In October 2003, the City of Des Moines implemented a “Pay as you Throw” solid waste program using automated collection vehicles with retractable hydraulic arms. Two arms now require replacement due to equipment damage and wear occurring during routine operations at a total cost of \$53,218.62 from the sole provider, Eddy Walker Equipment Company, Des Moines, Iowa, Don Eddy, President.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding is currently available in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for equipment maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

With the implementation of fully automated solid waste collection in 2003, the Public Works Department purchased 16 automated collection vehicles. The arm mechanism used to grab, lift, and dump the carts is the main component that enables automated collection. The Public Works Department received a quote of \$26,609.31 each including freight from the sole provider, Eddy-Walker Equipment Co., for the arm replacement items. City ordinance Sec. 2-726 allows for the procurement of repair services for equipment and machinery, or for the procurement of repair parts, when required repair parts

are available from a sole provider. Staff recommends authorizing payment to Eddy-Walker in the total amount of \$53,218.62 including freight.