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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **SUBJECT—**

Bid No. V06-053, Vehicle Purchases for the Fire Department.

### **SYNOPSIS—**

A bid proposal for one front-wheel drive mini-van, one crew cab pickup truck with topper, and one four-wheel drive utility vehicle was sent to 12 area dealerships with three responses received. The low compliant bidder was Stivers Ford (Ed Stivers, President), 1450 E. Highway 6, Waukee, IA 50263, in the total package purchase amount of \$65,394.00 without trade. Due to low trade-in allowances, the units that will be replaced by the mini-van and pickup will be used to replace two older aged vehicles in the City's fleet that will be sold at auction. The four-wheel drive utility vehicle is deemed a necessary addition to the Fire Department vehicle fleet.

### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

The front-wheel drive mini-van and crew cab pickup will be purchased in the combined amount of \$40,526.00 from the City's Equipment Replacement Fund, IS201, PWK010407, 544070, and the new four-wheel drive utility vehicle will be purchased in the amount of \$24,868.00 from the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service Fund GE001, FIR041000, 544070, for a total bid amount of \$65,394.00.

### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

## **BACKGROUND—**

### Equipment Replacement Fund Purchase

To meet current needs in the Des Moines Fire Department, two older aged all-wheel drive mini-vans are being replaced with a front-wheel drive mini-van and a crew cab pickup truck with topper. In addition to improved service capability, the new vehicles will replace two existing units resulting in better fuel economy and overall operational efficiency. The all-wheel drive mini-vans that are being replaced will be shifted to replace two outdated vehicles in the City's Equipment fleet that will be sold at auction. Purchase of the four-wheel drive mini-van and crew cab pickup with topper will not result in an increase in the City's vehicle equipment fleet. The award of the bid for the two vehicles to Stivers Ford in the amount of \$40,526.00 is recommended.

### Emergency Medical Services Fund Purchase

The Des Moines Fire Department is required to have a Medical Director under Iowa Administrative Rules, Section 641.132.9, Off Line Medical Direction. Upon notification by the previous Medical Director that he was leaving to practice out of state, the Fire Department worked with the Purchasing Division to issue an RFP for Medical Director Services and, after evaluating the responses, a contract was negotiated with Chad Torstenson, M.D. As part of his submission, Dr. Torstenson proposed that he spend 20-25 hours per month in field-level observation in addition to his off-line responsibilities, and specified that the City provide him with a four-wheel-drive utility vehicle equipped with appropriate radios, warning lights, and clearly marked as a Des Moines Fire Department unit. This vehicle would be restricted to use in his capacity as Medical Director, although it is agreed that he may take it to his place of principal employment (Mercy Hospital) in those instances when he may be available for fieldwork at the completion of his tour as an on-duty emergency physician. The Medical Director would also be available to respond as part of the Incident Command structure to extraordinary situations such as multiple casualty incidents (MCIs) or a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) event. Award of the bid for the four-wheel drive utility vehicle to Stivers Ford in the amount of \$24,868.00 is recommended.