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Submitted by: Phillip C. Vorlander.
Chief of the Fire Department

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a contract with United Truck and Body for the repair of a ladder truck.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend award of a contract to United Truck & Body, 5129 NE 17th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50313 (Steve Bombela, President), the low compliant bidder, for repair of a ladder truck in order to extend the time it can remain in service as a reserve apparatus.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$40,820

Funding Source: 2008 Operating Budget, Fire Department, FIR010700, 526040, page 159

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Reserve Truck 7, a 1988 Sutphen 65' quint fire apparatus, is the only reserve aerial ladder truck in the Des Moines Fire Department fleet, and is showing signs of structural deterioration. The Des Moines Fire Department's major apparatus replacement schedule does not provide for the purchase of a new aerial truck until 2014, at the earliest; therefore, the Chief of the Fire Department recommends that an investment be made in Reserve Truck 7 in order to prolong its useful life, thereby ensuring that a safe and reliable reserve aerial truck is available for service when first-line apparatus is out of service for maintenance or when a need arises for placement into service for extraordinary events.

On February 22, 2008, Bid #V08-064 was sent to three firms qualified to make the necessary repairs. All three firms responded to the request, however the lowest bidder, Majestic Truck Services (503 1st Avenue North, Altoona) failed to specify the costs for the removal, rebuilding, and reinstallation of the right and left ground stabilizer cylinders, and thus was found to be non-compliant, requiring the rejection of their bid by the Procurement Administrator. The low compliant bid in the amount of \$40,820 was submitted by United Truck & Body, 5129 NE 17th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50313, and the Chief of the Fire Department and the Procurement Administrator recommend awarding them the contract.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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