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	Agenda Item No. 46F Roll Call No. <u>14-1079</u> Communication No. <u>14-323</u> Submitted by: Scott E. Sanders, Assistant City Manager / Finance Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of two (2) replacement step vans for use by the Department of Public Works.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving the purchase of two (2) replacement step vans for use in the Sewers Division of the Department of Public Works from Freightliner of Des Moines, 3601 Adventureland Drive, Altoona, IA 50009, Carl Schwab, President, at a total cost of \$233,776.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$233,776.00

Funding Source: PW247410/Sewer Maintenance Clearing, Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/15 operating budget, page 221

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Two (2) existing Sewer maintenance investigation step vans used daily by the Sewers Division of the Department of Public Works and meeting established replacement criteria were approved for replacement. Eight (8) bids were mailed and one (1) bid was received resulting in a low dollar compliant bid of \$228,688.00 from Freightliner of Des Moines. Due to recent consolidation in this type and class of step van cab and chassis suppliers, reduced options for chassis are available. Specific component requirements necessary to provide adequate work area, tool and equipment capabilities for crews to perform their required tasks also limits responses for options of bodies to be installed on cab and chassis. Only two (2) major body suppliers exist and the successful bidder has aligned with one of the primary suppliers, Morgan Olson Corporation in responding to this bid.

The award amount exceeds the bid amount by \$5,088.00 because the original bid did not include costs for the required auxiliary heating and cooling systems. After clarification with the bidder and auxiliary heating and cooling systems supplier, the bidder was able to include these costs to provide and install the auxiliary heating and cooling systems.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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