

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**02-156**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**AGENDA:**

MARCH 18, 2002

**SYNOPSIS -**

On February 19, 2002, the City of Des Moines issued invitations to bid for three different models of automated solid waste collection vehicles in our continuing effort to improve our automated refuse collection system. Two companies submitted bids for the collection vehicle body and four companies submitted bids for the collection vehicle chassis. The low bids submitted on each of the three models are considered to be in substantial compliance and are recommended.

**SUBJECT:**

PURCHASE OF  
AUTOMATED  
REFUSE TRUCKS

Freightliner of Des Moines, Inc. (Carl Schwab, President, 3601 Adventureland Drive, Altoona, Iowa 50009) is recommended for one chassis in the amount of \$61,808; Peterbilt of Des Moines (Brad Wilson, President, 3445 Adventureland Drive West, Altoona, Iowa 50009) is recommended for two chassis in the amount of \$75,924 each for a total of \$151,848; and Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment Company, Inc. (Jeff Firestone, President, 5105 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, Iowa 50131) is recommended for three bodies in the amount of \$49,000, \$46,000, and \$46,000, for a total of \$141,000.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM STOWE  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Purchase is proposed via the City's master lease agreement with funds currently available in the City's Solid Waste Enterprise Account.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Recommend award of the bids on Refuse Truck Specification 01-02-09A to Freightliner of Des Moines, Inc. in the amount of \$61,808; Refuse Truck Specification 01-02-10A and 01-02-11A to Peterbilt of Des Moines in the combined amount of \$151,848; and Refuse Truck Specification 01-02-09B, 01-02-10B, and 01-02-11B to Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment Company, Inc. in the combined amount of \$141,000 after trade-in.**

## **BACKGROUND -**

On September 24, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2936, the City Council authorized the Public Works Director to proceed with expansion of the automated solid waste collection program to include purchase of carts and collection vehicles. On February 19, 2002, the Purchasing Agent issued specifications for three different models of automated collection vehicles to provide the Public Works Department an opportunity to evaluate the performance of each before proceeding with a larger fleet of vehicles.

The vehicle bodies and chassis were bid separately to reduce costs and improve trade-in values. Two companies submitted bids on vehicle bodies and four companies submitted bids on the collection vehicle chassis. Staff has tabulated those bids and recommends award to the companies submitting the low bids on each of the three different models.

All three automated collection units will be placed into service with the next round of automated collection routes scheduled for late spring. An assessment will be made about which type of vehicle among these is best suited for Des Moines' future collection needs.

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