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

SUBJECT—

Bid Number V05-026, ITEMS 2 & 3, vehicle purchases.

SYNOPSIS—

Approve the purchase of two (2) seven-passenger vans from the low compliant bidder, Mid-States Ford Inc. (Craig McAdams, Fleet Manager, 1450 E. Highway 6, Waukee, IA 50263), at a total cost of \$41,074.00 and one (1) four-door sedan from the low compliant bidder, Dewey Ford (Darrell Stickel, Fleet Manager, 3055 S. E. Delaware Avenue, Ankeny, IA 50021), at a cost of \$11,985. In both instances, the lowest bids received were for vehicles that did not conform to specifications, however the second lowest bids were compliant.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Total cost for the purchases of these vehicles is \$53,059.00. The vehicles being replaced will be sold at the Public Works auction, as it is believed that they will sell for significantly more than the trade-in allowance. Funds are available in Organization Code PWK010407, Fund Code IS201, Account Number 544070.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The City of Des Moines' Purchasing Division issued Bid Number V05-026 for the purchase of vehicles for use by the Des Moines Fire Department. Ten vendors were notified and five bids were received and evaluated by the Fire Department and Public Works. Mid-States Ford, Inc. was the low compliant bidder for the vans and Dewey Ford was the low compliant bidder for the sedan.

Lower bids were received for both the vans and the sedan. Karl Chevrolet submitted a lower bid for the vans; it was found to be noncompliant, however, as the vehicles proposed were not equipped with three-row side-curtain air bags, back up sensors, automatic power door locks and electronic traction control as specified by the City. Stew Hansen's Dodge City submitted a lower bid for the sedan, however the vehicle proposed did not meet specified power train warranty requirements (specifications require a 100,000 mile power train warranty to include no-cost road service, bid was a 70,000 mile power train warranty with no provisions for road service).