



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Approval to Waive the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of One 12-Foot Dumping Flatbed Through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcwell via PB Loader Corporation for \$162,539.10

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving to waive the competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 to purchase a currently budgeted and Council approved fleet vehicle through the government procurement program Sourcwell.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Waiving the City's competitive bidding requirement as permitted by Merced Municipal Code section 3.04.210 and authorizing the purchase to be made with a cooperative purchase agreement through Sourcwell, a government procurement program; and,
- B. Approving the purchase of one 12-foot dumping flatbed in the amount of \$162,539.10, from PB Loader Corporation through Sourcwell contract #080521-PBL; and,
- C. Authorizing the City Manager or Deputy City Manager to execute the necessary documents, the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments, the City Buyer to issue the Purchase Order, and approval of change orders not to exceed 10% of the total purchase price.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
- 2. Approve, subject to conditions other than recommended by staff; or,
- 3. Deny; or,
- 4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
- 5. Continue to a future meeting.

AUTHORITY

Merced City Charter, Section 200. Municipal Code Section 3.04.210 - Exemptions from competitive bidding.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the FY 22/23 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

Sourcwell offers an equipment/vehicle purchase program to government entities nationwide; specifications are created, and Request for Bids are sought by Sourcwell for a wide variety of equipment used by local governments. As a result of the nationwide scope of these programs, the City can purchase specialized equipment for much less than the more traditional method of creating specifications and soliciting bids in-house.

Over the last several years, the City has purchased a variety of equipment not provided by local vendors including, street sweepers, leaf trucks, fire trucks, refuse trucks, etc. through the Sourcwell government procurement program with great success.

Buying these vehicles directly through this outside program requires waiving the City's competitive bid requirements. In addition to cost savings, purchasing directly from Sourcwell allows the City to standardize equipment, which is a desire of the Fleet Services Division. With standardized equipment, Fleet Services will have the ability to reduce parts inventory, and ensure the vehicle controls, handling, and maneuvering are the same for vehicles that are currently being used by City employees. The vehicles requested will be the same make and model as other City equipment.

The Public Works Department, Fleet Services Division, is requesting Council authorize the purchase of one currently budgeted 12-foot dumping flatbed utilizing the nationwide government procurement service Sourcwell via PB Loader Corporation.

This dumping flatbed is budgeted in the FY 22/23 adopted budget. This unit will meet the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Tier IV final clean air vehicle pollution rating.

Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code provides that the City Council can approve a waiver of the City's competitive bidding requirements when such purchases are made pursuant to cooperative purchasing in conjunction with other governmental entities. Staff requests waiving the bidding requirements to standardize equipment and utilize the government pricing contract.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

This vehicle is approved in the FY 2022/23 Council adopted budget; no additional funding is needed. The 12-foot dumping flatbed will be purchased using funds budgeted in Fund 6002 - Refuse Operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. PB Loader Quote
2. Sourcwell Certificate of Membership