

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Bid: Purchase of Water Service Truck	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to approve the purchase of one (1) 2009 Freightliner MT-55/Utilimaster water service truck from TransChicago Truck Group of Elmhurst, Illinois, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$170,206.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Top Quality Core Services Responsive to Current and Future Community and Citizen Needs*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY08 Water Fund Budget allocates \$160,000 for this vehicle and equipment; staff will utilize the additional \$10,206 amount needed from cost savings realized on the SCADA System Radio Design and Installation project.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the September 16, 2008 consent agenda

BACKGROUND

The Village currently owns and operates a 1998 Ford E350 cutaway van. This vehicle is used daily for maintenance of the Village's water infrastructure. As noted in the FY08 budget, this vehicle is scheduled to be replaced in 2008. A review of the truck's use and maintenance confirms that it should be replaced this year.

A Call for Bids was sent to eight truck dealers and equipment distributors and published in accordance with the Village's Purchasing Policy. Three (3) bids were received by the deadline of August 19, 2008. A synopsis of the bids is as follows:

Vendor	Bid Price
R.G. Smith Equipment, Des Plaines, IL	\$154,765
TransChicago Truck Group, Elmhurst, IL	\$170,206
Sauber Manufacturing Co., Virgil, IL	\$174,701

The bid submitted by R.G. Smith Equipment was incomplete and did not meet the bid requirements. It is therefore not a responsive bid. R.G. Smith was not able to provide the required seating configuration in the vehicle, which is an important component of its value to the Village's field maintenance crews. Both TransChicago and Sauber Manufacturing stated that they could provide the seating configuration required. R.G. Smith is also not authorized to sell, service or provide technical support for the vehicle's integrated compressor/generator/hydraulic system.

The recommended vendor, TransChicago Truck Group, submitted a complete bid that includes all of the specified items and has a positive track record both with the Village and other municipalities providing this type of equipment.

The recommended vehicle is a walk-in van style body with a planned service life of 15 years. The body style of the vehicle allows for interior work space to eliminate traveling back and forth to the Public Works Facility to complete repairs. This vehicle also consolidates needed equipment in one vehicle. Space will be available for barricades and safety shoring equipment that will reduce or eliminate the need to have more than one service truck respond to the scene of water system repairs as is currently the case.

ATTACHMENTS

Contract form

IV. BID/CONTRACT FORM

*****THIS BID WHEN ACCEPTED AND SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SHALL BECOME A CONTRACT BINDING UPON BOTH PARTIES.**

Entire Block Must Be Completed When A Submitted Bid Is To Be Considered For Award

BIDDER:

TRANSCALHO TRUCK GROUP

Date: 8/14/08

Company Name

776 N. YORK ROAD

ERIC JENSEN@TRANSCALHO.COM

Email Address

Street Address of Company

ELMHURST, IL 60126

ERIC JENSEN

Contact Name (Print)

City, State, Zip

630-279-0600

630-341-9603

24-Hour Telephone

Business Phone

630-279-0603

David P. Mc Carthy
Signature of Officer, Partner or Sole Proprietor

Signature of Officer, Partner or Sole Proprietor

Fax

DAVID P. Mc CARTHY

Print Name & Title

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ATTEST: If a Corporation

David P. Mc Carthy Sec Treas.
Signature of Corporation Secretary

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE:

Authorized Signature

ATTEST:

Title

Signature of Village Clerk

Date

Date

In compliance with the specifications, the above-signed offers and agrees, if this Bid is accepted within 90 calendar days from the date of opening, to furnish any or all of the services upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point within the time specified above.