



Item Number: 11

City Council / Board of Directors

Written Communications

Meeting of: June 20, 2023

Submitted By:

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Subject:

Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner Crane Truck

Recommendation:

That the Honorable Victorville Water District Board of Directors (Board) approve the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner Crane Truck from Commerce Truck Equipment Sales, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$236,869.31.

Fiscal Impact:

This purchase proposes encumbering and expending \$236,869.31 of budgeted funds. No additional appropriation is required. The funds were budgeted under the Victorville Water District budget in the following account codes:

- 4100500 – 55040 – 74466
 - 4100500 – Water Fund, Production Services
 - 55040 – Equipment
 - 74466 – Crane Truck Replacement

Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal E – Invest in Infrastructure. By replacing vehicles/equipment that are no longer suitable or in good condition, the District can continue to create a healthy and livable community by investing in equipment necessary to maintain the City's infrastructure.

Background:

On December 3, 2021, the City's Fleet Division, along with the Finance Purchasing Division solicited a bid package for 26 Fleet Vehicles (Project #CC22-060). During the procurement process, several dealers called staff to inform them they could not bid because the factory was not taking government fleet orders due to material shortages and computer chip sourcing issues; thus, the dealers were not receiving any allocations from the factory. No bids were received by the due date of January 12, 2022.

Purchasing staff followed up with calls to some of our local dealers and they too stated that due to inventory and allocation issues, they were unable to guarantee any orders. As a result of the limited inventory available, the City's Purchasing staff contacted numerous government cooperative purchasing programs for inventory updates, along with local dealers, and were informed that factories would be releasing limited quantities in the upcoming months and would be sold on a first come first serve basis.

On March 15, 2022, pursuant to Victorville Municipal Code (VMC) Section 2.28.100(a)(5) and Section 2.20.120, staff obtained approval from the Board / City Council to reserve the vehicles listed in Project #CC22-060 as they became available with the intent of securing the bookings with purchase orders for confirmed build and delivery dates. The purchase of a Crane Truck for Water Production was part of this solicitation.

Discussion:

The 2023 Freightliner Crane Truck is intended to replace a 2008 Ford F-450 (Vehicle #19248). The existing unit is 15 years old and has had several major repairs throughout the years. The replacement truck has additional features and upgrades that are also extremely beneficial to staff in maintaining critical water infrastructure, such as:

- A Miller Multiprocess Welding Generator – this generator will replace the Miller Welder that was stolen from the Balsam Treatment Plant a few years ago.
- An 11,000-pound crane – a needed upgrade from the current 5,000-pound crane.
- A pintle hitch and air brake glad hand hook up – this will allow staff to tow the backhoe trailer in cases where the District's dump truck is unavailable. It will also allow staff to tow the District's generators with ease in case of an emergency.

The crane will be utilized to lift large/heavy equipment for repair and maintenance, such as motor-operated valves (MOV), pressure reducing valves (PRV), large meters, vault lids, and steel plates. The welder is used for projects/repairs such as well discharge pipe modifications, large well meter replacements, PRV replacements, SCADA antenna frame fabrications, and repairs in general to all production infrastructure (including projects at the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant). The truck also has a generator that can power small tools and equipment. The District currently has three large portable generators that can be transported to various well sites or booster stations in case of a power outage or other emergency. Operators of the crane truck are required to have a current Class B commercial license.

Limited inventory of vehicles and equipment continues to be a challenge for staff. A replacement for Vehicle #19248 was located and staff has conducted their due diligence by obtaining multiple quotes and ensuring that the District is receiving the best price available on the open market. The following table shows a comparison of the quotes received.

Vendor	Amount
Commerce Truck Equipment Sales LLC	\$236,869.31
Crane Works	\$268,200.00
Allegheny Trucks Inc.	\$275,000.00

As specified in VMC Section 2.28.100, the recommended purchase award herein has been evaluated in accordance with VMC Section 2.28.040 to determine Commerce Truck Equipment Sales LLC as the “best value bidder” for the project.

Staff is recommending that the Board approve the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner Crane Truck from Commerce Truck Equipment Sales LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$236,869.31.

Staff is available for any questions the Board may have.

Attachments:

- A. Quotes
- B. RFB Project CC22-060 & Addendum #1
- C. VMC Section 2.28.100 (a)(5)
- D. VMC Section 2.28.120
- E. VMC Section 2.28.040
- F. Pictures