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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF FIVE JOHN DEERE WHEEL LOADERS WITH CLAW BUCKETS FOR SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$438,504.79

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding for the purchase of five John Deere Model 304-H wheel loaders with claw buckets, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Nortrax West, 2850 El Centro Road, Sacramento, CA 95833, in a total amount not to exceed \$438,504.79.

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Steve Alstrom, Senior Buyer, 433-6343

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: February 12, 2002

SUMMARY:

The Maintenance Services Division (Fleet Operations) has a requirement for the purchase of two replacement wheel loaders with claw buckets for garden refuse and three additional loaders for the Solid Waste Division's Code Enforcement Collection Program. This report recommends that the City Council suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of five John Deere Model 304-H loaders from Nortrax West, 2850 El Centro Road, Sacramento, CA 95833, the sole authorized territorial distributor for John Deere construction equipment, and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase.

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BACKGROUND:

The Maintenance Services Division's (Fleet Operations) FY01/02 budget provides for the replacement of two loaders for garden refuse, and the Solid Waste Division has requested the purchase of three additional loaders for the North and South Code Enforcement Collection Program.

In 1993, the JI Case Company discontinued the production of the Case W-11B loader that has been used for many years by the City of Sacramento. These Case loaders in the City's fleet are aging and have exceeded their useful life expectancy. It is no longer feasible to maintain them due to their age, limited availability of replacement parts and increased down time. Fleet Operations, in conjunction with Solid Waste staff, has been researching and evaluating various other units capable of meeting the requirements for the Code Enforcement Collection Program and on-street garden refuse pick-up and loading. Only one unit, the John Deere 304-H, has met these requirements regarding size, maneuverability and road speed. Based on this research, staff requested authorization to purchase eight of these loaders on June 26, 2001 (reference Resolution No. 2001-436). The first of these John Deere 304-H loaders were put in service at the end of last October and have been performing satisfactorily.

The John Deere Model 304-H loader is still the only wheeled loader known to staff that will perform under the City's conditions and requirements. Therefore, in order to assure that sufficient equipment is available for garden refuse and code enforcement, staff recommends that City Council authorize the purchase of five more John Deere Model 304-H loaders for use by the Solid Waste Division from Nortrax West, the sole authorized territorial distributor for John Deere construction equipment. The pricing for these units is in accordance with the State of California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) and is very competitive.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Sufficient funds are available in the Maintenance Services Division's FY01/02 budget for replacement vehicles/equipment to purchase the two replacement units. The three additional units will be funded by the Solid Waste Division's CIP fund 415-500-YB61-4820, which has a sufficient balance for the purchase of these vehicles.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Ongoing administrative and maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public works construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

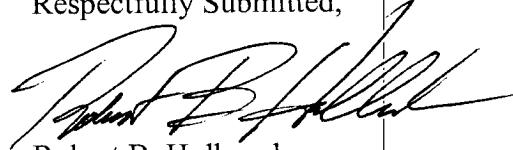
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommendations in this report are in accordance with the provisions of the City Code section 3.56.230(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:

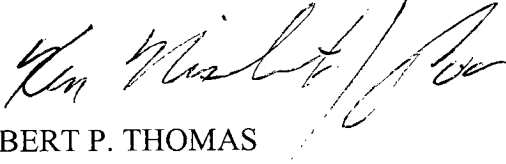
Nortrax West is not a certified ESBE firm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert B. Holbrook
Procurement Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

1 Attachment

APPROVED

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OFFICE OF THE
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RESOLUTION NO. 2002-071

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE JOHN DEERE MODEL 304-H LOADERS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. In the best interest of the City of Sacramento, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of five John Deere Model 304-H loaders for use by the Solid Waste Division, and;
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue the necessary purchase order for the purchase of five John Deere Model 304-H loaders to Nortrax West, 2850 El Centro Road, Sacramento, CA 95833, in a total amount not to exceed \$438,504.79.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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