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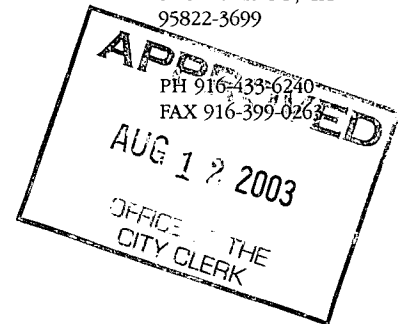
PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION

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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO JOHN DEERE MODEL 304-H LOADERS WITH CLAW BUCKETS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$177,347.88

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 two John Deere Model 304-H loaders with claw buckets for use by the Solid Waste Division, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Empire Equipment Company, dba: Nortrax, in a total amount of \$177,347.88.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING: August 12, 2003

SUMMARY:

The Maintenance Services Division (Fleet Operations) has a requirement for the purchase of two replacement loaders for the Solid Waste Division of Public Works. This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding for the purchase of two John Deere Model 304-H loaders with claw buckets, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Empire Equipment Company, dba: Nortrax, in a total amount of \$177,347.88.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2001 and October 2002 the City Council approved the purchases of twelve John Deere 304-H loaders with claw buckets for use by the Solid Waste Division. Staff has performed ongoing research and product evaluations of competing units. The John Deere Model 304-H continues to be the only loader that will meet

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the City's requirements for garden refuse pickup. Because the loaders must be driven on City streets, maneuverability, road speed and size are essential components for use by the Solid Waste Division and it has been determined the John Deere 304-H is the only loader available at this time that meets all of these requirements.

In order to assure replacement equipment is available to the Solid Waste Division, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding for the purchase of two John Deere Model 304-H loaders with claw buckets, for use by Solid Waste Division, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Empire Equipment Company, dba: Nortrax, 2850 El Centro Road, Sacramento, CA, 95833, the sole authorized territorial distributor for John Deere construction equipment, in a total amount of \$177,347.88.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Sufficient funds are available in the Maintenance Services Division's FY03/04 budget for replacement vehicles/equipment to purchase the two replacement units.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The current project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15061(b)(3), which states that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The current proposal involves only the purchase of two loaders. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommendations in this report are 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:

Empire Equipment Company is not a certified ESBE firm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Gustavo F. Vina
Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

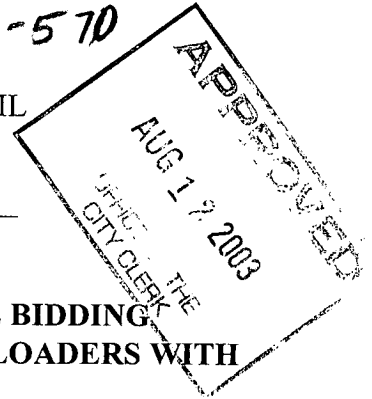
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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-570

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF 8/12/03



**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO JOHN DEERE MODEL 304H LOADERS WITH
CLAW BUCKETS**

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 two John Deere model 304 H loaders with claw buckets for use by the Solid Waste Division; and
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue the necessary purchase order to Empire Equipment Company, dba: Nortrax, 2850 El Centro Road, Sacramento, California 95833, in a total amount of \$177,347.88.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____