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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF SIX REPLACEMENT LOW-EMISSION REAR-LOADING  
REFUSE TRUCKS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,117,997.85**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the purchase of six replacement low-emission rear-loading refuse trucks in accordance with the provisions of Bid No. 1825, which was originally awarded by City Council on September 12, 2000. These replacement trucks will be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, Arata Equipment Company, 1160 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA 94070 in a total amount not to exceed \$1,117,997.85.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Robert Summersett, Fleet Management Superintendent, 433-6309  
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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING:** March 27, 2001

**SUMMARY:**

The City Council awarded the purchase of six low-emission rear-loading refuse trucks from Arata Equipment Company on September 12, 2000, in accordance with Bid No. 1825. Staff recommends that the Council authorize the purchase of six additional replacement units under the same terms and conditions of this bid, and as allowed in the bid provisions.



**BACKGROUND:**

On September 12, 2000, the City Council adopted specifications and awarded Bid No. 1825 for six low-emission rear-loading refuse trucks to Arata Equipment Company. Provisions in the bid specifications stated that "the quantity specified is based upon current known requirements and is subject to increase at the same terms and conditions if mutually agreeable to both parties within 365 days of contract award". Arata Equipment Company has agreed to honor their Bid No. 1825 pricing for this purchase. Fleet Operations staff believes that a new bid for six additional units would provide no pricing advantage for the City, and would delay this purchase and the delivery of the trucks. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase of these six additional replacement vehicles from Arata Equipment Company in a total amount not to exceed \$1,117,997.85.

This purchase is in accordance with the Heavy Duty Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) Acquisition Policy adopted by the City Council on October 5, 1999. The goal of the City is to do its fair share to implement the Region's Air Quality plan by reducing oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions from its heavy duty fleet, and to meet the year 2005 standard for ozone in the Sacramento Federal Ozone Non-Attainment Area. On March 6, 2001, City Council accepted Sacramento Emergency Clean Air Transportation (SECAT) program grant funds to offset the incremental cost of low-emission vehicles, and approved additional Fleet Fund appropriations of \$2.3 million from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Reserve to facilitate the accelerated replacement of these low-emission rear-loading refuse trucks. The incremental cost of approximately \$36,000 per unit will be paid from the grant funds.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Sufficient funds are available in the Maintenance Services Division's budget to purchase these vehicles. On March 6, 2001, the City Council approved additional Fleet Fund appropriations of \$2.3 million from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Reserve and accepted grant funding from SECAT to fund the incremental cost of low-emission vehicles. The incremental cost of approximately \$36,000 per unit (total of \$216,000 for the six units) will be paid from the grant funds.

**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).

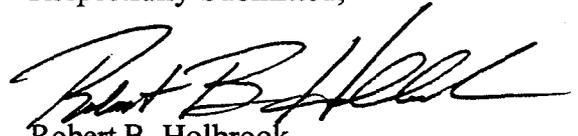
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This recommendation is consistent with the requirements for competitive bidding as detailed in Chapter 3.56 of the Sacramento City Code. It is also consistent with the City/County Heavy Duty Low-Emission Vehicle Acquisition Policy that was adopted by the City Council on October 5, 1999.

**ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:**

Arata Equipment Company is a City-certified small business.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Procurement Services Manager

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



Robert Thomas  
City Manager