

AGENDA REPORT

DATE November 19, 2002

ITEM: ONE NEW 2003 SKID STEER LOADER

INITIATED BY: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ACTION REQUESTED: REJECT BIDS/AUTHORIZE TRANSFER

PRESENTED BY: JIM REARDEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Commission reject the bids for one new 2003 Skid Steer Loader and authorize staff to transfer a similar unit from Montana ExpoPark to the Street Division.

**MOTION:**

I move that the City Commission reject the bids for one new 2003 Skid Steer Loader and authorize staff to transfer a similar unit from Montana ExpoPark to the Street Division.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The specifications were advertised three times in the Great Falls Tribune and mailed to eighteen prospective bidders, with four bidders responding. The bids were opened on October 23, 2002. The bid award was postponed by the City Commission on November 6, 2002.

Staff has now analyzed the bids and researched possible alternatives pertaining to the Skid Steer Loader. Staff discovered a similar unit, a 2000 Bobcat 751 Skid Steer Loader, owned by the City that would meet the needs of the Street Division. The Bobcat 751 with attachments is valued at \$18,988.00 and is currently assigned to Montana ExpoPark. The lowest bid meeting specifications for a new Skid Steer Loader was \$31,176.00. The transfer of the 2000 Bobcat 751 Skid Steer Loader, serial #515718409 in lieu of a new unit would represent a savings of \$12,188.00 to the Street Maintenance Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

This unit would be used in the Street Division. Funds for its purchase were provided in the FY 2002-03 Street Budget.



**HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
BIDDERS LIST**

Normont Equipment  
1157 Smelter Avenue  
Black Eagle MT 59414

Ameri-Tech Equipment Co.  
1125 Main Street  
P.O. Box 1096  
Billings MT 59103-1096

Tri-State Truck & Equip.  
5024 Tri-Hill Frontage Rd.  
Great Falls MT 59404

Kois Brothers  
P.O. Box 1728  
Great Falls MT 59403

Tractor & Equipment  
P.O. Box 2147  
Great Falls MT 59403

Modern Machinery  
P.O. Box 16660  
Missoula MT 59808

Rimrock Equipment Co.  
P.O. Box 1396  
Billings MT 59103

3-V Distributing  
ATTN: Joe Jochems  
P.O. Box 955  
Conrad MT 59425

Maric Sales  
P.O. 485  
Draper UT 84020-0485

Hoven Equipment Co.  
4181 North Park Trail  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
406-727-7153  
Contact: Dennis Bates

Pioneer Equipment  
P.O. Box 3087  
Butte MT 59702

Western Plains Machinery  
1215 38<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Great Falls MT 59401

HCL Equipment  
P.O. Box 1709  
Great Falls MT 59403

RDO Equipment  
4900 Tri-Hill Frontage Rd.  
Great Falls MT 59404

Midwest Industries, Inc.  
2320 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bozeman MT 59715

Utility Specialties  
1150 West Steel  
Butte MT 59701

Boyle Equipment Co.  
130 Riverside Drive  
Billings MT 59101

Great Northern Equipment  
3001 West Broadway  
Missoula MT 59805

Montana Forklift Corporation  
Don Oliver, Municipal Sales  
203 Commerce St.  
Missoula, MT 59808