



Item: One New 2009 Wheel Loader
From: Tom Hugg, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor
Initiated By: Public Works Department
Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director
Action Requested: Award Bid

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission award the bid for one new 2009 wheel loader to Western Plains Machinery of Great Falls for \$104,351.45, including trade-in.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission award the bid for one new 2009 wheel loader to Western Plains Machinery of Great Falls for \$104,351.45, including trade-in.

Background:

Significant Impacts

The initial date for replacement was in 2008. This purchase was pushed back one year. The 1998 unit has had transmission electrical problems in the past year.

Purpose

This unit will be used in the Utilities Division for water and sewer maintenance.

Evaluation and Selection Process

The specifications were advertised two times in the Great Falls Tribune, placed on the City of Great Falls website, and mailed to five prospective bidders. The bids were opened on December 3, 2008, with five bidders responding. The low bid did not meet specifications on capacity and horsepower.

Staff recommends accepting the trade-in offer by Western Plains Machinery of \$35,000 for the City's 1998 Case 721B, Unit #646. The serial number on this unit is JEE0055640.

Conclusion:

The bid by Western Plains Machinery meets specifications for the wheel loader.

Fiscal Impact: Funds for its purchase were provided in the FY 2009 Utilities Budget.

Alternatives: Reject the bids for one new 2009 wheel loader.

Attachments/Exhibits: Bid List, Bid Tab

**WHEEL LOADER
BID LIST**

1. Modern Machinery
P.O. Box 16660
Missoula, MT 59808

2. Western Plains Machinery
P.O. Box 2507
Great Falls, MT 594032507

3. Tri State Truck & Equipment
5024 Tri – Hill Frontage Road
Great Falls, MT 59404

4. Tractor & Equipment
P.O. Box 2147
Great Falls, MT 594032147

5. RDO Equipment
4900 Tri – Hill Frontage Road
Great Falls, MT 59404

