



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

CC: Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: December 7, 2023

RE: Resolution 23-26 – A Resolution Authorizing an Exception to the Competitive Bidding and/or Pricing Quotes for the City of Saint Paul to Purchase Medium Duty Chassis Trucks with Specialty Bodies

SUMMARY: Resolution 23-26 approves an exception to the competitive bidding and/or pricing quotes for the City of Saint Paul to purchase medium duty chassis trucks with specialty bodies.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The City has received a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Grant Number 02J44501 for the Aalax Landfill Development Project, which is to develop a new landfill at the Aalax site near Polovina Hill, which will include new landfill cells, fencing, signage, equipment building, access road and purchase of equipment for solid waste management including new burn boxes, heavy equipment, and drop boxes.

The existing Ford F550 hooklift truck does not belong to the Refuse Utility and the refuse truck is still not operational.

The City administration received quotes from RWC Group for Hooklift and Refuse Trucks, and a quote from Swichkard Chevrolet for a Hooklift Truck. Kendall Ford was not responsive to the request for a quote. International, Chevy and Ford all make medium duty chassis trucks. Only a few have a 4 wheel drive option. The International 515 has a higher load capacity than the Chevy 6500 and Ford F650.

RWC Group is the authorized dealer for International trucks and buses for Alaska. The discounted quotes are based on the Trucking North America 2024 pricing program. The City would not be able to come near the same level of discount or purchasing power on a one-off bid if done on its own. Additionally, the shipping logistics to Saint Paul Island are a challenge and it is most cost effective to ship the Hooklift and Refuse Trucks out of Seattle, Washington.

Approving sole source purchasing is estimated to save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars in limited public funds.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose not to approve this resolution and require the City administration to seek competitive bids.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

LEGAL: N/A.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of this resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 23-26.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 23-26, RWC Group quotes for Hooklift and Refuse Trucks. Swickard Chevrolet quote for hooklift truck.