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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

DATE: November 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Authorize the Purchase of Two Replacement Public Works Vehicles From Raceway Ford in the Amount of \$42,506.96

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award RFB #669-06 to Raceway Ford in the amount of \$42,506.96 for the budgeted replacement of two Public Works vehicles.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Sufficient funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Fleet Management Fund to purchase and equip the vehicles.

BACKGROUND:

During the FY 2005-2006 Budget process, Council authorized the replacement of two Public Works vehicles. The first vehicle is a replacement for unit #323. This utility pickup contains a hydraulically operated valve cycling machine used throughout the City's water maintenance infrastructure, which will be transferred to the new vehicle. Due to age and condition, the truck's engine is experiencing mechanical problems, which are not cost-effective to maintain; thus, repairs have been deferred in anticipation of replacement.

The second vehicle will replace unit #512, which is used primarily for high pressure cleaning of streetscapes and parking lots along with graffiti removal citywide. Due to new stringent NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) laws, we are required to contain effluent from such cleanings, which requires the use of additional equipment (to be purchased separately). This equipment, which includes holding tanks, a vacuum, and containment equipment, cannot be housed on our current truck due to lack of space. In addition, an engine driven inverter which provides the power for the equipment, cannot be added to the current vehicle. Finally, the current truck is experiencing electronic engine control issues, as well as being too tall to access the underground parking structure at Lot M. These issues require the replacement of the existing truck.

DISCUSSION:

Staff sent bid requests to 9 vendors, including the State of California contract vendor for comparison

purposes, and 4 responses were received. The comparison below shows total price (including sales tax, discounts, and other fees).

Bid Recaps

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
1. Raceway Ford	\$42,506.96
2. Villa Ford	\$42,612.37
3. Downtown Ford Sales	\$42,973.17
4. Wondries Fleet Group	\$43,316.42

Based on these bids, staff recommends awarding an order to the lowest bidder, Raceway Ford, for the purchase of two vehicles. If this purchase is approved, the existing units will be surplus and auctioned for the highest attainable value. The new vehicles will arrive in approximately 90-120 days.