



Item: One New 2014 Tractor with Rear & Side Mowers
From: Dale Calvert, 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 (approve/reject) the bid award for one new 2014 John Deere 6105D tractor with Tiger RF-96ED rear mower and Tiger TSF-60ED side mower to NorMont Equipment of Black Eagle for \$85,030.00, with trade-ins.”

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

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the bid award for one new 2014 John Deere 6105D tractor with Tiger RF-96ED rear mower and Tiger TSF-60ED side mower to NorMont Equipment of Black Eagle for \$85,030.00, with trade-ins.

Background:

Purpose

This unit will be used in the Street Division for right-of-way maintenance and large area lots. The current tractor has a rear flail only. Staff wrote the new specifications to include a side mower which requires a heavier tractor to balance. With the addition of a side mower crews will be able to cut more area at one time enabling them to work more efficiently on the routes through the City of Great Falls.

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 seven prospective bidders. The bids were opened on April 2, 2014, with two bidders responding; one with an alternate bid.

There is a cost difference of \$2,397 between the two lower bids. For that additional cost the City would be purchasing a safer, more durable tractor. The 6105D has a wider wheel base for roadside stability; a larger cutter shaft; longer flails for better cutting; and a heavier payload weight to support and balance the flail mower system. The 6105D also has an air suspension seat required in the specifications that is not available on the 5100M.

Staff recommends accepting the trade-in offers by NorMont Equipment of \$5,000 for the City's 1991 John Deere Tractor 2155 #846, Serial #LO2155G 734471; \$100 for the John Deere Flail Mower #390, Serial #P000390/004312; and \$100 for the John Deere Flail Mower #25A, Serial #P00025A639812.

Conclusion

The bid by NorMont Equipment meets specifications for the tractor with rear and side mowers.

Fiscal Impact: Funds for this scheduled purchase from the ERS (Equipment Revolving Schedule) were provided in the FY 2014 Central Garage Budget.

Alternatives: Reject the bids for the purchase of one new 2014 tractor with rear and side mowers.

Attachments/Exhibits: Bid List, Bid Tab

**TRACTOR – REAR SIDE MOWERS
BID LIST**

1. Hoven Equipment
4181 North Park Trail
Great Falls, MT 59405
2. Johnson Distributing
1021 3rd St. N.W.
Great Falls, MT 59404
3. Moodie Implement
12 Northpoint Drive
Great Falls, MT 59404
4. NorMont
1157 Wire Mill Rd.
Black Eagle, MT 59414
5. Torgerson's
4701 River Dr. N.
Great Falls, MT 59405
6. Tractor & Equipment
P.O. Box 2147
Great Falls, MT 594032147
7. Titan Machinery
1215 38th St. N.
Great Falls, MT 59405

CITY OF GREAT FALLS
PO BOX 5021
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Bids Taken at Civic Center
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