

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** October 16, 2017  
**To:** The City Manager  
**From:** Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

**Council Action Requested:**

Adoption of Resolution Awarding Purchase Orders for a Knuckle Boom Loader Truck.

**Strategic Focus Area:** Service Excellence  
**Strategic Objective:** Ensure Service Delivery Efficiency and Effectiveness  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The Code Enforcement Division of the Community and Development Department has the immediate need to replace a knuckle boom loader truck, a 2007 Chevrolet C7500 that was purchased new for \$109,729.92, has 58,560 miles, and has accumulated over \$59,000 in maintenance and repair cost. The current vehicle is in poor condition, is unsafe for use and needs to be removed from service

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for abating trash violations cited by Community and Development inspectors. Due to the size of some of the items abated, it is necessary to have knuckle boom loader trucks. There are only two trucks available with which to remove bulky trash citywide, both of which have experienced several months of down time during the past year, causing substantial delays in bulky trash removal, as well as a backlog of abatements, prolonged unsanitary conditions, and increased citizen complaints. These inoperable trucks also place crew members at risk exposing them to cuts, bug infestations and other unsanitary conditions.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Finance 10/9/2017</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>

**Remarks:**

This equipment consists of a hydraulic boom with a grappling attachment mounted on a standard cab and chassis and is commonly referred to as a knuckle boom loader. See Exhibit B for a representation of a unit similar to the equipment being recommended for award.

On May 18, 2017, The North Carolina Sheriff's Association (NCSA) received bids for heavy equipment and Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc., located in Monroe, NC, has been awarded competitive bid contract #18-02-0428 per bid specifications for a NuLife Brush Hawg Model 2224-C knuckle boom loader and has offered a quotation for the knuckle boom loader at a cost of \$74,589.42.

On June 30, 2017, The North Carolina Sheriff's Association (NCSA) received bids for cab and chassis and Excel Truck Group, Inc., located in Charlotte, NC, has been awarded competitive bid contract #17-01-0617R per bid specifications for a Freightliner M2 106 cab and chassis and has offered a quotation for the Freightliner M2 106 at a cost of \$70,986.13 which includes the mounting of the knuckle boom loader onto the chassis.

N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3) authorizes "purchases made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing products and services at discount prices to two or more public agencies."

It is recommended that a purchase order be awarded to Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc. for a NuLife Brush Hawg Model 2224-C knuckle boom loader per bid contract #18-02-0428 in the amount of \$74,589.42 and it is recommended that a purchase order be awarded to Excel Truck Group, Inc. for the purchase of one Freightliner M2 106 cab and chassis per bid contract 17-01-0617R in the amount of \$70,986.13 which includes the mounting of the knuckle boom loader onto the chassis. These recommendations are in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3).

The City's FY 2017-18 capital equipment budget includes sufficient funds for these purchases which will be financed through the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation. Funding for the lease payments is available in the General Fund FY 2017-18 budget.

M/WBE comment: There are no known area minority or woman-owned companies that sell this equipment.

Workforce Demographics: See Exhibit A