



**PURCHASING ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
CS14-031**

**1. Agenda Item Number:**

16

**2. Council Meeting Date:**  
February 27, 2014

**TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**3. Date Prepared:** January 29, 2014

**THROUGH: CITY MANAGER**

**4. Requesting Department:** Community Services

**5. SUBJECT:** Purchase of a wheelchair accessible bus from Creative Bus Sales in the amount of \$58,786.35.

**6. RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends City Council approve utilization of Mohave Contract No. 13N-CRBSI-0925 for the purchase of a 14-passenger wheelchair accessible bus from Creative Bus Sales in the amount of \$58,786.35.

**7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** In October of 2013, the City of Chandler received \$65,400.00 in grant money from the Gila River Indian Community for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible bus. The bus is being purchased to offer critically needed accessible transportation to disabled youth and adults and to senior citizens who wish to attend recreation programs that require transportation. These programs are instrumental in helping individuals in these population groups to have access to much needed opportunities for getting out of the house, socializing with peers, being physically active, and participating in community events. In addition to being fun, these activities ultimately increase self-esteem, combat isolation and loneliness, and provide a sense of belonging, which is important to everyone, but especially for people in marginalized populations. Each year, the Therapeutic Recreation and Senior Center programs serve over 450 participants through such activities. The availability of an accessible vehicle will allow the City of Chandler the ability to offer equal access to recreation programs to participants who typically have limited opportunities for inclusion in such activities. In addition to a wheelchair lift, the bus will have hand railings and minor steps, providing physical assistance and security to those who may have poor balance, weak knees, or other impairments that make it difficult and unsafe for them to utilize conventional vehicles.

**8. EVALUATION PROCESS:** Staff is recommending use of Mohave cooperative contract for this purchase. The recommended contract was awarded on September 25, 2013. Staff requested quotes from all four suppliers on the contract. The City received three responses. Staff from the Recreation, Fleet Services and Purchasing divisions reviewed the quotes received. Staff recommends purchasing from Creative Bus Sales, who submitted the lowest cost and is responsive to all requirements. Considerations that led to the recommendation to use the Mohave contract were 1) the recent award of the contract and 2) the ability to expedite the procurement to meet the grant reporting deadline of October 16, 2014.

Bidder	Canyon State Bus Sales	Creative Bus Sales	RWC
Sub Total	\$68,500.00	\$53,683.25	\$58,053.94
Tax	\$5,685.50	\$5,091.10	\$4,818.48
Tire tax	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Total	\$74,197.50	\$58,786.35	\$62,884.42

**9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

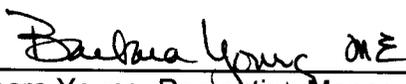
<u>Acct. No.:</u>	<u>Fund Name:</u>	<u>Program Name:</u>	<u>CIP Funded:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
217.4555.6310.0.3CS400.0	4524-Misc. Grant Revenue	Gila River Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle		\$58,786.35

Funds for this purchase have been appropriated through a grant from the Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Revenue Program, awarded to the City in October 2013 in the amount of \$65,400.00.

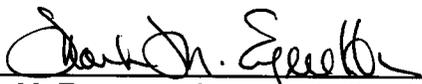
**10. PROPOSED MOTION:** Move to approve use of Mohave Contract No. 13N-0723 for the purchase of a 14-passenger wheelchair accessible bus from Creative Bus Sales in the amount of \$58,786.35.

**APPROVALS**

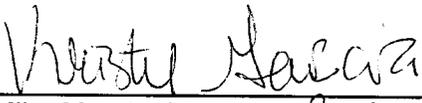
**11. Requesting Department**

  
Barbara Young, Recreation Manager

**12. Department Head**

  
Mark M. Eynatten, Community Services Director

**13. Procurement Officer**

  
Mike Mandt, CPPB *bol*

**14. City Manager**

  
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