



**PURCHASING ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
ST16-011**

**1. Agenda Item Number:**

**32**

**2. Council Meeting Date:**

December 10, 2015

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**3. Date Prepared:** December 1, 2015

**THROUGH: CITY MANAGER**

**4. Requesting Department:** Transportation & Development

**5. SUBJECT:** Purchase of a Caterpillar Multipurpose Loader/Grapple Alley Tractor

**6. RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends City Council approve the utilization of the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA) contract with Empire Machinery/Caterpillar, for the purchase of a tractor in the amount of \$89,606.95.

**7. BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The new Caterpillar alley tractor is a direct replacement for the Alley Crew's 15 year old, 2000 Case loader tractor, which is used to load debris and reposition 300 gallon bulk containers in the alleys during the maintenance and re-grading process. Over the past four (4) years the Case alley tractor has been inoperative in excess of 83 days for continuous overheating issues with the engine and transmission. The Case tractor is the only specifically equipped loader/grapple tractor in the fleet, which allows the crew to load debris and grasp the over 4,200 bulk trash containers for moving.

The new alley tractor will be capable of moving the 300 gallon containers with its specially designed grapping arms, has four (4) wheel drive, improved engine and transmission cooling system, higher rated hydraulics, and a multi-use front loader bucket, all of which are crucial but absent or underrated on the current older model tractor. The purchase of this tractor is a planned one-time budget decision package that was approved by City Council as part of the FY 2015-16 budget process. This purchase was further evaluated by staff from Fleet Services, Purchasing and Transportation and Development.

**8. EVALUATION:** The City of Tucson competitively solicited and awarded Contract No. 120377 for heavy equipment as the lead agency for NIPA. The City has a current Intergovernmental Agreement with NIPA allowing for the cooperative use of their contracts.

Staff recommends cooperative use of this contract because it expedites delivery and provides quality equipment.

**9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Cost: \$89,606.95

Savings: N/A

Long Term Costs: N/A

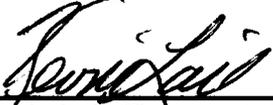
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**10. PROPOSED MOTION:** Move City Council approve the utilization of the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA) contract with Empire Machinery/Caterpillar, for the purchase of a tractor in the amount of \$89,606.95.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

APPROVALS

11. Requesting Department



Kevin Lair, Transportation Manager

13. Department Head



R.J. Zeder, Transportation & Development Director

12. Procurement Officer



Mike Mandt, Purchasing

14. Acting City Manager



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