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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

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Date: March 27, 2015

Recycling Center  
Transfer Station  
Landfill Operations  
Refuse Collection

Re: Request to Purchase Refuse Collection Packer for Automated Collection.

**Introduction:**

The City of Muscatine's Refuse Collection program requested bids for a side loader collection packer with an automated arm for solid waste collection on February 24, 2015.

**Background:**

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget presentation for Refuse Collection, staff recommended a pilot program to start moving the refuse collection program into an automated collection program. The City of Muscatine's Comprehensive Plan has a section detailing the use of uniformed containers and automated collection of waste, which was part of the Quality of Life Committee's goals.

Staff sent out request for proposals for a refuse collection side loader packer with an automated arm for automated collection of solid waste. The following bids were received and meet the specifications requested on February 24, 2015:

Vendor	Side Loader Packer	Trade in Value of 2004 Freight Liner with Heil Packer	Final Cost
Elliot Equipment – Labrie	\$118,115.00	\$27,500	\$90,615.00
Elliot Equipment – New Way Sidewinder	\$109,509.00	\$27,500	\$82,009.00

**Recommendation to purchase:**

Staff recommends the purchase of the newest model of the New Way Sidewinder side loader with an automated arm for collection of solid waste from Elliot Equipment for \$82,009.00. The 2014-2015 budget has \$230,000.00 budgeted for the packer body and truck chassis for the new automated collection program for the refuse collection.