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MEMORANDUM

Recycling Center  
Transfer Station  
Landfill Operations  
Refuse Collection

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

From: David Popp, Solid Waste/Collection and Drainage Manager

Date: August 9, 2019

Re: Request a purchase order for solid waste dumpster containers and carts

**Introduction:**

The City of Muscatine Solid Waste/Refuse Collection division utilizes steel dumpsters for its commercial refuse collection customers and plastic roll out curbside containers for its residential refuse collection.

2019-2020 Solid Waste/Refuse Collection has \$16,900.00 budgeted for the purchase of commercial dumpsters and residential trash collection containers. A small quantity of these dumpsters/containers are budgeted for and purchased annually to replace worn out/broken, rusted out, new customer requests and requests to upsize containers.

**Background:**

The Refuse Collection program services commercial waste customers, City facilities and private residences for special cleanups with the use of solid waste dumpster containers. Staff has planned for replacement of old dumpsters and for new customers over the past several years. This year staff has requested pricing from vendors and received responses from Gregory Container in Kahoka, Missouri, Elliott Equipment in Davenport, Iowa and Mid Iowa Solid Waste in Johnston, Iowa.

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| Greggory Container          | Elliot Equipment             | Mid Iowa Solid Waste         |
| 2 Yard Dumpster: \$471.00   | 2 Yard Dumpster:<br>\$660.00 | 2 yard Dumpster \$564.72     |
| 3 Yard Dumpster: \$880.00   | 3 Yard Dumpster:<br>\$880.00 | 3 Yard Dumpster \$842.00     |
| 4 Yard Dumpster: \$1,100.00 | 4 Yard Dumpster: \$1,100     | 4 Yard Dumpster<br>\$1016.86 |

**Recommendation for Purchase of Solid Waste Dumpster Containers:**

Staff recommends the following number of dumpsters are purchased from Elliott Equipment. The recommendation to use the vendor that is not low bid is based on the following reasons;

1. Staff experience with the ParKan brand dumpsters from Elliott Equipment is that they are

a better designed dumpster in such that they roll easier to the collection truck and are easier to tip into the collection trucks.

2. The ParKan brand dumpsters come with a more durable coating, they do not rust out as fast as the other two brands.
3. With the three vendors, we would need to send a truck and staff to pick these up at their location. Elloitt Equipment is in Davenport and the closest transport for us.

**Recommendation for purchase of Residential Roll Out Carts:**

Staff recommends that the roll out carts be purchased from Rehrig Pacific Company for a Cost of \$6913.60. This was the only quote requested as all of our carts are manufactured by Rehrig and the warranty and parts are the same for all of our inventory.

12 - 2 Yard Dumpsters @ \$660.00  
1 - 3 Yard Dumpsters @ \$880.00  
1 - 4 Yard Dumpster @\$1,100.00  
112 - 95 Gallon Rollout Carts @ 6,913.60

*The total cost for all dumpsters/carts ordered would be \$16,813.60*

If you have any questions in regards to the following request for approval of purchase order, please let me know.

David Popp  
Solid Waste/Collection and Drainage Manager  
City of Muscatine