

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2011

TITLE: A Request to Authorize a Piggyback Purchase

DEPARTMENT: Management Services and Public Works	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A: Resolution to Waive Bidding Requirements and Authorize Piggyback Purchase of Knuckleboom Truck	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz, Director of Public Works 918-7427 Sandy Svoboda, Purchasing Officer 918-7301

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to request authorization for a piggyback purchase of a knuckleboom truck for the Public Works Department. The Board is requested to waive the formal bidding requirements and use the piggybacking purchase method allowed by N. C. General Statutes 143-129(g).

INFORMATION

The Adopted FY 2010-11 Budget includes \$154,000 to purchase a knuckleboom truck for the Public Works Department. Based on the Capital Improvement Program this vehicle was included on the schedule of vehicles for replacement in FY 2010-11.

The Town staff has analyzed market conditions and compared pricing to other recent similar bids and believes that piggybacking on Morehead City's contract with Triple T Freightliner offers the most cost effective and expeditious means to purchase the needed truck. Under North Carolina law there are three conditions for a piggyback purchase: 1) the vendor must be willing to sell the items at a comparable or lower price; 2) the contract with the other governmental jurisdiction must have been executed within the last twelve months; and 3) an ad must be placed in the newspaper notifying vendors that the Town intends to purchase the vehicles using these procedures ten days prior to the Board meeting.

An advertisement was placed in the Durham Herald Newspaper on February 3, 2011 giving notice of the Town's intent for the waiver of bidding procedures under G.S. 143-129(g); and, the vendor has agreed to sell the truck to the Town at the same pricing and conditions as in the Morehead City contract awarded October 19, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item is part of equipment and vehicle lease-purchase schedule in the FY2010-11 Adopted Budget. The purchase price of \$103,058 for the truck is below the budget amount of \$154,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Aldermen is requested to approve the attached resolution to authorize the waiver of the bidding requirements and authorize the piggyback purchase of the knuckleboom truck for the Public Works Department.