## CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

7/28/11 WPD/Purchasing

**SUBJECT:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LTD, Austin, TX or one of the other qualified bidders for IFB-BV SAP0120, for the purchase of one knuckleboom crane with dump body in an amount not to exceed \$232,290.

## **CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:**

Department: Watershed

Project Name: Vehicle & Equipment Needs Fund/Department/Unit: 4850 6307 7010 Funding Source: DUF Funds

Current Appropriation:3,000,673.00Unencumbered Balance:371,486.79Amount of This Action:(232,290.00)Remaining Balance:139,196.79

**ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This contract is for the purchase of one replacement knuckleboom crane with dump body that will be mounted onto an International cab and chassis to form a brush-handling truck for the Watershed Protection Department.

Brush-handling trucks are used for the routine clean-up of trees, brush, and debris which disrupt the flow of water in creeks, rivers, and other waterways. This truck will be maneuvered onto bridges or alongside waterways. The crane is equipped with a heavy-duty refuse grapple and will extend out to pick up, remove, and deposit the debris into the dump body of the truck.

Departments review the list of equipment determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified equipment is appropriate for the use.

This knuckleboom crane with dump body has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected the equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of the equipment proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

In order to determine the best value to the City, evaluation criteria included cost of the knuckleboom crane and local economic impact.

This request allows for the execution of a contract with a bidder, who provides the best value to the City, that Council selects. If this bidder does not execute a contract with the City, staff will return to Council so that Council may select another best-value bidder and authorize a contract with this bidder.