



**Purchasing Contract  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 22  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/17/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a contract with SOMERSET WELDING & STEEL, INC. T/A J&J TRAILERS, Somerset, PA, for the purchase of six 31 cubic yard hydraulic ejection semi-trailers in an amount not to exceed \$247,098.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing  
**DEPARTMENT:** for Solid Waste Services;

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Fudge, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2033

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** One bid received.

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation. □

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This contract is for the purchase of six 31 cubic yard hydraulic ejection semi-trailers manufactured by J and J Trailers that will be assigned to the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS), Litter Abatement Division to support the Bulk Curbside Collection Program, the Brush Curbside Collection Program and the Code Compliance Program. The semi-trailers are used to haul collected bulk debris to the City landfill and collected brush to Hornsby Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant (Hornsby Bend). The trailers are pulled by truck tractors which were previously purchased under a separate contract.

The Bulk Curbside Collection Program and the Brush Curbside Collection Program (Programs) each provide vehicles that go through every neighborhood within the city limits two times per year, to pick up items that are too large to be collected by the weekly garbage/trash collection trucks. The Programs also minimize illegal dumping and the associated costs for cleanup. The Bulk Curbside Program collects items such as washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, hot water heaters, furniture, carpeting, tires, and fencing, etc. The Brush Curbside Program includes the collection of large tree limbs, shrubs and tree trunks. The semi-trailers assist the Code Compliance Program by collecting similar items that are illegally dumped in areas within the city limits that are not part of neighborhoods and existing collection routes.

SWS is in the process of converting the Brush Curbside Collection program from one that chips brush at the customer's curb, to one that loads brush into hydraulic ejection semi-trailers and hauls the brush to Hornsby Bend. Once the brush is dumped at Hornsby Bend, it is chipped with a large stationary chipper and the resultant material is utilized in the Dillo-Dirt Program. SWS has determined it is much more efficient to load and haul the brush to a single location to be chipped for reuse.



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Five of the semi-trailers are considered replacement trailers even though none of the existing hydraulic ejection semi-trailers in service will be turned in. SWS is turning in two chipper trucks and three chippers to Fleet Services since SWS will no longer chip brush at the customer's curb. Fleet Services will either reassign this equipment to another City department, or put it in its rental fleet to make it available to any City department for short-term needs.

One of the six trailers is an additional unit necessary to support the Litter Abatement Division. SWS has an additional truck tractor which has been purchased under a separate contract to pull this trailer. For each knuckleboom crane used to either load brush or bulk items from the customer's curb into the hydraulic ejection semi-trailer, SWS needs at least three tractor/semi-trailer rigs to haul and dump loaded material. Currently, this crew has only two tractor/trailer rigs available. The purchase of the six trailers will assist SWS in achieving the goal of completing two Program collections per year for all neighborhoods in the City.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**

31 Cubic Yard Hydraulic Ejection Semi-Trailer

RF04100020

Qty - 6

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price</u></b>
Somerset Welding and Steel, Inc./ J and J Trailers, Somerset, Pennsylvania	\$41,183	\$247,098

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- Only bidder. This is the only known company that has the ability and interest in constructing these custom built trailers. In 2003, this item was bid twice in order to get pricing for this type trailer.
- Twenty-eight notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs for this commodity. Four solicitations were issued. One bid was received. One "No Bid" was received.
- The current pricing represents an approximate increase of 3% increase to the last purchase made August 2003.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- Only bidder.
- Solid Waste Services Department concurs with recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman.

## CIP FISCAL NOTE

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**  
**WHERE ON AGENDA:**  
**DEPARTMENT:**

5/27/2004  
Resolution  
Solid Waste Services

**DESCRIPTION:** Authorize execution of a contract with SOMERSET WELDING & STEEL, INC. T/A J & J TRAILERS, Somerset, PA, for the purchase of six 31 cubic yard hydraulic ejection semi-trailers in an amount not to exceed \$247,098.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Parent Project Name:	Capital Equipment Additions
Project Authorization:	2003-04 Approved Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Current Revenue

Number: 4800-157-0102

Current Appropriation	\$ 3,855,000.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 975,925.00
Amount of This Action	<u>\$ (247,098.00)</u>
Remaining Balance	<u><u>\$ 728,827.00</u></u>

**Ref. #: RCA 5454 Date 06/17/04**

Department Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Joe Cooper*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*5-28-04*