



## Rochelle Municipal Utilities Water/Water Reclamation

To: David Plyman

From: Kathy Cooper

Date: June 3, 2011

RE: Truck Purchase – Water and Water Reclamation Divisions

The 2011-12 RMU Water Capital Budget includes \$22,500 for the purchase of a  $\frac{3}{4}$  T pick-up truck to replace an existing 1-ton truck, and the 2011-12 Water Reclamation Budget includes \$45,000 for the purchase of a 1-ton truck that will replace the existing 1-ton service truck.

The existing Water Division truck is a 2001 Dodge and the Water Reclamation truck is a 2000 Ford. The new 1-Ton will be shared by both Divisions and will be equipped with a crane that will be used for pulling pumps at lift stations, lifting hydrants, and moving other heavy equipment at job sites. The new  $\frac{3}{4}$  T Water Division truck will be used for carrying equipment and supplies needed for routine work.

Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on May 26, 2011. The State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services Joint Purchasing Program Contract specifications were used as the minimum requirements for the truck bid, and the bidders were requested to note any exceptions to the bid. The State does not have specifications for a utility body with a crane, and Monroe Truck equipment provided the specifications for the 1-ton utility box and crane. The bidders were also required to include the trade-in value of the existing trucks as a credit for the final bid.

Two local vendors submitted bids, and a tabulation of the bids received is as follows:

Sawicki	\$58,720.00
Prescott	\$59,299.40
State Bid	\$64,178.00 (no trade-in)

The State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services Joint Purchasing Program Contract price for the  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton truck is \$17,665, and the contract price of the 1-T is \$24,993, and the quote from Monroe for the utility body and crane is \$21,250. The Kelley Bluebook trade in value for both trucks is about \$8000, if the trucks are in “fair condition”.

The delivery for the Sawicki bid is nine to twelve weeks, and the estimated delivery for Prescott Brothers is September 2011. Sawicki’s listed several exceptions to the bid, and they included a lower weight for the truck, a shorter wheel base, and a 6.0 liter engine rather than the 6.2 liter engine specified. We do not believe that these exceptions are significant enough to disqualify Sawicki’s as the lowest responsible bid.

I am recommend the purchase the two trucks, a Chevy 2500HD and a Chevy 3500 HD with a utility body and crane from Sawicki’s and reject all other bids.

Please place this item on the June 13, 2011 City Council Agenda.