



**Contract and Award Letter  
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Environmental Services  
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**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and  
Stan Rowden II, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Three (3) Transfer Trucks, Sourcewell Contract 032824-PMC  
September 30, 2025 City Council  
**DATE:** August 18, 2025

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

The Environmental Services Department (ES) recommends a contract be awarded to Dobbs Peterbilt, Seattle, WA, in the amount of \$784,418 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$78,442, for a projected contract amount of \$862,860 plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Solid Waste Fund 4200, for the purchase of three 2026 Peterbilt 576 4 Axle trucks to transfer solid waste and yard waste from the City's Recovery and Transfer Center to a landfill or an organics composting site.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The contract supports City strategic policies by replacing aging transfer trucks with newer, more fuel-efficient models that reduce maintenance costs. The new trucks will include advanced after-treatment systems to ensure they meet current emissions standards and will operate on R99 renewable diesel, which produces lower carbon emissions than standard diesel. These improvements directly support the City's Climate Action Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed trucks will be purchased through Sourcewell cooperative contract 032824-PMC, which was competitively solicited and established to give government agencies the best pricing possible. Two of the proposed trucks will be used to replace aging trucks, each with more than 300,000 miles. The third will replace a truck that was rendered inoperable after an incident where repair costs exceeded its value. Together, the three new trucks will replace all three vehicles. A contingency is included in the contract award to address potential mid-build changes or equipment upgrades to meet operational needs.

**ISSUE:** Solid Waste Management needs to replace aging long-haul transfer trucks, which have rising maintenance costs with new units. The new trucks will continue in the operation of transferring materials from the City's Recovery and Transfer center to either the landfill or an organics processing facility. One of the replacements will specifically cover a truck that was damaged beyond repair in an incident.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The alternative would be to continue using the aging trucks in our fleet, which would result in rising maintenance and repair costs as the vehicles continue to deteriorate. This



would also lead to more downtime while trucks are in the shop, reducing overall efficiency. In addition, failing to replace the wrecked truck would further disrupt operations and result in more overtime costs.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Sourcewell Contract 032824-PMC was competitively bid and includes the equipment to be purchased. Contract 032824-PMC was awarded to Peterbilt Motors Company and Dobbs Heavy Duty Holdings, LLC which is the local dealer. This contract is valid through July 9, 2028. Through an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement, the City will purchase the needed equipment at the prices, terms, and conditions of the contract. Using this contract allows the City to achieve greater savings by leveraging volume discounts through pooled purchasing.

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New contract

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The proposed transfer trucks were selected to align with Resolution 40776's goal of reducing carbon emissions by purchasing trucks with modern after-treatment systems and being fueled by R99 Renewable Diesel.

**EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE:** Not applicable - Supply purchase - EIC Regulations are not yet established

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE:** Not applicable to this contract

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

| FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME * | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 4200 ES Solid Waste Fund  | ENV-00116-04-01            | Various      | \$862,860              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                            |              | <b>Up to \$862,860</b> |

**REVENUES:**

| FUNDING SOURCE           | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT             |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 4200 ES Solid Waste Fund | 512000                     | Various      | (\$862,860)              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             |                            |              | <b>(Up to \$862,860)</b> |

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$862,860**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** Yes

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.** N/A