



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

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services  
Lewis Griffith, Division Manager, Solid Waste Management  
**COPY:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and  
Stan Rowden II, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Six (6) Refuse Trucks  
Sourcewell Contracts 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG – July 8, 2025 City Council  
**DATE:** June 4, 2025

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:** The Environmental Services Department (ES) recommends a contract be awarded to Dobbs Peterbilt LLC, Seattle, WA, in the amount of \$2,818,862 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$281,887, for a projected contract value of \$3,100,749 plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Solid Waste Fund 4200, for the purchase of three 2026 Peterbilt 520 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) chassis' equipped with Labrie Wittke Starlight Frontload bodies and three 2026 Peterbilt 520 CNG chassis' equipped with AA Welding Roll-Off bodies. These trucks will be used primarily for the collection of solid waste and recycling from commercial customers.

**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 will support City strategic policies by replacing aging garbage trucks that are either diesel or CNG fueled, with more modern CNG fueled trucks. The CNG trucks will be fueled using Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), a carbon negative fuel producing significantly fewer greenhouse emissions than the diesel fueled trucks. This will support the City's Climate Action Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed trucks will be purchased through Sourcewell cooperative contracts 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG which have been competitively solicited and established to ensure government agencies receive the best pricing possible. The Frontload and roll-off trucks will be RNG fueled, a cleaner alternative to diesel that significantly reduces emissions compared to the diesel fueled trucks. The Solid Waste Recovery and Transfer Center operates an onsite CNG fueling station to fuel the collection trucks with RNG, a carbon-negative fuel produced through methane capture. Using RNG helps support a more efficient, cleaner, quieter, and longer lasting fleet used for the collection of solid waste, yard waste and recycling.

**ISSUE:** Solid Waste Management needs to replace aging Frontload and Roll-Off trucks that have rising maintenance costs, with new CNG fueled trucks. The proposed trucks will be used in the collection of garbage, yard waste and recycling.

**ALTERNATIVES:** The alternative is to continue using the aging trucks in our fleet, which leads to higher maintenance and repair costs, increased downtime while trucks are out of service,



and potential delays in customer pickups. Additionally, several of the trucks slated for replacement run on diesel, which generates significantly more greenhouse gas emissions than RNG-fueled vehicles.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Sourcewell Contract 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG were competitively bid and include 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. Contract 110223-LEG was awarded to Labrie Environmental Group and SWS Equipment, LLC which is the local dealer. Contract 110223-LEG is valid through December 28, 2027. Through an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement, the City will purchase the needed equipment at the prices, terms, and conditions of these contracts. Purchasing through these contracts provide the City increased savings by pooling resources to leverage the market through volume discounts. A contingency is included in the contract award to address potential mid-build changes or equipment upgrades to meet operational needs.

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New contract.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The proposed refuse trucks were selected to support Resolution 40776 by using RNG as fuel. The RNG is a carbon-negative fuel that helps lower the overall greenhouse gas emissions from the truck fleet.

**EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE:** Not applicable - EIC Exception: Interlocal/Cooperative Purchasing.

**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-00116-03-01	Various	\$3,100,749
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$3,100,749</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4200 ES Solid Waste Fund	512000	Various	(\$3,100,749)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$3,100,749)</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** \$3,100,749

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

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