



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

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Stan Rowden II, Finance/Purchasing
SUBJECT: Purchase of one (1) Refuse Truck
 Sourcewell Contracts 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG – August 12, 2025
 City Council
DATE: 07/11/2025

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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 \$513,652 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$51,365, for a projected contract value of \$565,017 plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Solid Waste Fund 4200, for the purchase of a 2026 Peterbilt 520 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) chassis with a Labrie Wittke Starlight Frontload body to collect solid waste and recycling from commercial customers. The proposed truck is being purchased to replace a truck that was destroyed due to a fire from contaminated material in a customer’s castor box. A contingency is included in the contract award to address potential mid-build changes or equipment upgrades to meet operational needs.

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: On April 23, 2025, Solid Waste Management front load truck RF2002 caught fire due to contaminated materials placed in a commercial customer castor box. The proposed truck will be purchased to replace the truck that was damaged beyond repair. The equipment 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 truck will be RNG fueled, which uses the same fuel as the truck that was damaged due to



fire. The Solid Waste Recovery and Transfer Center operates an onsite RNG fueling station that will be used to fuel this truck. The RNG fuel is carbon negative fuel and is created from methane capture. Replacing this truck is crucial to continue efficiently collecting commercial customer castor boxes.

ISSUE: Solid Waste Management needs to replace a Frontload truck that was damaged beyond repair due to fire. The proposed truck will be used in the collection of garbage and recycling.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative would be to continue operating with fewer Frontload trucks, resulting in less efficient service for Solid Waste customers. This may also require significant overtime on other routes to compensate for the damaged truck and ensure all customers are serviced in a timely manner.

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.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The proposed refuse truck was 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	\$565,017
TOTAL			Up to \$565,017

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4200 ES Solid Waste Fund	512000	Various	(\$565,017)
TOTAL			(Up to \$565,017)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$565,017

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes.

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