



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

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
**FROM:** Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Environmental Services  
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**COPIES:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Seven (7) Compressed Natural Gas Automated Side-Loader Refuse Trucks - Sourcewell Contracts 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG – April 14, 2026 City Council  
**DATE:** March 10, 2026

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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 \$4,337,480.56 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$433,748.06, for a projected contract amount of \$4,771,228.62, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Solid Waste Fund 4200, for the purchase of seven Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) 2027 Peterbilt 520 chassis’ with Labrie Automizer Automated Side-Loader bodies (ASL) to collect solid waste, recycling, and yard waste from residents.

**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 collection trucks that have reached their end of life with increased maintenance cost with newer, more fuel-efficient models. The new trucks will be fueled with RNG (Renewable Natural Gas), a carbon negative fuel. The City’s Recovery and Transfer Center operates its own RNG fueling facility that will be used to fuel the vehicles. This will support the City’s Climate Action Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed trucks will be purchased through Sourcewell cooperative contract’s 032824-PMC and 110223-LEG which have been competitively solicited and established to ensure government agencies receive the best pricing possible. The new CNG ASL trucks will be used to replace 7 aging trucks with increase maintenance costs and increase reliability of the fleet. RNG is a carbon negative fuel and is created from methane capture. The new trucks will support a more efficient, cleaner, quieter, and more reliable collection fleet. A 10 percent 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 Automated Side-Load collection trucks that have increased maintenance costs, with new trucks powered by RNG fuel. The new trucks will be used in the collection of solid waste, yard waste, and recycling from residential customers.

**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 the trucks are in the shop reducing overall fleet efficiency.



Failing to replace the aging vehicles would disrupt operations while they are being maintained or repaired and result in more overtime costs to 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 greater savings by leveraging volume discounts through pooled purchasing.

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New contract

**SUSTAINABILITY:** The proposed refuse trucks were selected to align with Resolution 40776’s goal of reducing carbon emissions by fueling the trucks with RNG, a carbon-negative fuel that reduces overall greenhouse gas emissions from the 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-00116-02-01	Various	\$4,771,228.62
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$4,771,228.62</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4200 ES Solid Waste Fund	512000	Various	(\$4,771,228.62)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$4,771,228.62)</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** \$4,771,228.62

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

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