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Alder. David Maack, Chairperson
Public Works and Services Committee
Racine, WI

Re: Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of Case Wheel Loader Vehicles

Dear Alder Maack:

Staff is requesting that formal bidding procedures be waived for the purchase of a wheel loader and associated plow and wing combo for the City Department of Public Works and a wheel loader for the City Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS). Costs are as follows:

Case 621 G w/Plow and Wing Combo (Public Works) = \$305,000

Case 521 G (PRCS) = \$220,000

Total = \$525,000

Staff requests that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of Case equipment with Miller-Bradford and Risberg, Inc., they being the sole source provider of these units. Case is the only manufacturer of the equipment utilized by the City of Racine, which results in continuity of labor and on the purchase of replacement parts for equipment maintenance.

Funds to defray the cost of both wheel loaders are available in the 2026-35 capital improvement plan.

Sincerely,

Ron J. Pritzlaff, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner of Public Works