

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

09-0721R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO CONTRACT WITH CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS, INC., FOR THE TAX EXEMPT PURCHASE OF A TRIPLE COMBINATION FIRE PUMPER TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$446,707.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are authorized to contract with Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc., for the tax-exempt purchase and delivery of a triple combination fire pumper truck in accordance with its modified bid of \$446,707, terms net 30, FOB destination, payable as follows:

Amount	Capital Equipment Fund	Department/Agency	Organization	Object	Account No.
\$315,500	250	015	2008	5580	CE250-V802
\$131,207	250	015	2009	5580	CE250-V901

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Fire Chief  
Purchasing Agent \_\_\_\_  
Manager, Maintenance Operations \_\_\_\_

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the purchase of a triple combination fire pumper truck from Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc., in the amount of \$446,707, payable from the capital equipment fund. This purchase is tax exempt for the fire department and will replace Fire Truck Unit #7323.

The purchasing division posted a request for bids October 12, 2009, on the city's website. Five bids were received by the closing date and referred to the fire department's apparatus committee. After carefully reviewing the bids, the committee determined to:

(a) Reject the lowest bid submitted by RNOW, Inc. (CFB Custom Fab & Body, LLC) since it did not meet the minimum specifications;

(b) Accept the next low bid submitted by Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc., since the alternative provided by Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc., will meet the needs of the Duluth fire department in terms of adequate horsepower and torque;

(c) Modify Custom Fire's basic bid from \$454,357 to \$446,707, resulting in a savings to the city of \$7,650.

The city has previously purchased a triple combination pumper fire truck from Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc.

TRIPLE COMBINATION FIRE PUMPER TRUCK Bid No. 09-0559; Requisition No. 09-0559 Opened November 10, 2009		
Vendor	City/State	Base Bid
RNOW, Inc., Custom Fab & Body, LLC	Marion, Wisconsin	\$430,867.00 (rejected)
Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc.	Osceola, Wisconsin	*\$454,357.00
Crimson Fire, Inc.,	Brandon, South Dakota	\$461,000.00
RNOW, Inc., Fire Apparatus Division	West Allis, Wisconsin	\$497,900.00
Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.	Appleton, Wisconsin	\$498,482.00
*Base bid does not include modifications		