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Troy, MI 48084  
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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



Date: June 23, 2025

To: Frank A. Nastasi, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Deputy City Manager  
Chris Wilson, Assistant City Manager  
Rob Maleszyk, Chief Financial Officer  
Kyle Vieth, Controller  
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director  
Dennis Trantham, Deputy Public Works Director  
Emily Frontera, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Bid Waiver - ABI Force Z-23 and Attachments (Introduced by: Dennis Trantham, Deputy Public Works Director)

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### **History**

- The Grounds Division of the Department of Public Works maintains 15 ballfields across 8 different locations, supporting approximately 850 games annually between May and October, in addition to regular practices and informal pickup games.
- Proper infield maintenance is essential to ensure player safety, preserve field integrity, and provide a high-quality experience for users.
- Regular grooming and grading help to control and prevent hazardous conditions that can lead to injuries.
- To enhance the maintenance efficiency of the Grounds Division and improve field quality, staff recommends the ABI Force Z-23, a stand-on, zero-turn infield groomer specifically designed for sports field maintenance and turf preparation.

### **Purchasing**

*LADD'S of Caledonia, MI* is the sole source distribution and service provider for ABI Attachments, Inc., the manufacturer of the ABI Force Z-23 and attachments. ABI Force focuses on specialized infield maintenance equipment, particularly for baseball and softball fields. The patented all in one motorized unit with quick-swap attachments can grade, groom, edge, seed and fertilize ball fields. It is in the best interest of the city to waive the bid process and purchase directly from *LADD'S, of Caledonia MI* the ABI Force Z-23 and attachments as detailed in the proposal attached.

### **Financial**

Funds for the ABI Force Z-23 and attachments are budgeted and available in the Public Works Capital Fund for the 2026 fiscal year. Expenditures will be charged to account number 401.464.978.010 and will not take place until the beginning of the 2026 fiscal year. A project number will be assigned at a later date when available.



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### **Recommendation**

City Management recommends, in the best interest of the City, waiving the bid process and awarding a contract for the purchase of one (1) ABI Force Z-23 and attachments to the sole source provider, *LADD'S of Caledonia, MI* for an estimated cost of \$51,636 as detailed in the attached proposal; not to exceed budgetary limitations.





# PROPOSAL

Quotation To: City of Troy, MI

Date: 6/11/2025

Reference ABI Force

ATTN: Dennis Trantham

WE ARE PLEASED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Quantity	Equipment Specifications	Price Ea.	Total
1	<b>ABI Force 10-99144 Z23SLT Zero Turn Vehicle</b> 23hp Kohler Command Pro engine, 2 stage cyclonic canister air filter, commercial hydrostatic drive system, laser ready with tweels. <b>Options:</b>		\$ 33,999.00
1	10-90403 Laser Electronics & Pole - Machine Side		\$ 3,799.00
1	10-10424 Dual Slope Transmitter for Laser System		\$ 2,899.00
1	10-10422 XD Tripod for Laser Transmitter		\$ 799.00
1	10-10425 13" Fiberglass Rod for Laser System		\$ 149.00
1	10-99029 Mini-Box Blade (solid edge)		\$ 599.00
1	10-99149 Stealth Blades		\$ 699.00
1	10-90165 VibraFlex 3800		\$ 899.00
1	10-99140 7' Pro Finisher		\$ 2,099.00
1	10-99142 VibraFlex 3500R		\$ 599.00
1	10-99137 6' Rigid Drag Mat w/ Level Bar		\$ 599.00
1	10-90410 1/2 Ton Roller (requires weight kit)		\$ 1,999.00
1	10-90449 Front Saddle Mount Weight Kit		\$ 999.00
1	10-99136 Infield Lip Edger System		\$ 1,499.00
		<b>Total</b>	\$ 51,636.00
	* Price does not include any applicable taxes.		

**TERMS**

**F.O.B**

**DELIVERY**

Prices quoted are those in effect at the time of quotation. This quotation is subject to acceptance within 15 days.

**ACCEPTED:**

Company

By

Title

Date

Yours Very Truly,

**CJ Superczynski**

**LADD'S**