## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: Standard Purchasing Resolution 5: Approval to Expend Budgeted Funds - Snow Removal Services

## History

- The Facilities and Grounds Division is responsible for the snow and ice removal on all municipal property, which includes parking lots, building entrances, and sidewalks.
o Locations include; City Hall, Library, 52-4 District Court, Police Department, Community Center, Troy Historic Village, Stage Nature Center, Transit Center, Fire Stations, Fire and Police Training Center, Camp Ticonderoga.
- The Streets and Drains Division is responsible for the snow and ice removal on all municipal owned sidewalks at detention/retention ponds, vacant property, median crossings, park property, and cemeteries.
o There are over 100 separate locations totaling 22 miles worth of city owned sidewalks.
o Sidewalks are cleared when accumulations exceed 2 inches.
- On October 11, 2021, City Council approved a contract with Premier Group of Detroit, MI, to perform snow and ice removal services for city owned facilities, Proposal A, and Xpert Lawn and Snow of Warren, MI, to perform snow and ice removal services for city owned sidewalks, Proposal B (RESOLUTION\# 2021-10-148-J4b).
- Much like most of the service industry, Premier Group and Xpert Lawn and Snow are having difficulty staffing its operations to meet the standards set forward in its contract.
o Not fully staffing the operation is negatively impacting the city providing safe parking lots, sidewalks, and entryways.
- Services that require immediate action often have a secondary or alternate contractor to limit the disruption of services to residents.
o Local Road snow removal has the same arrangement where the city can extend the contractor pricing to other available contractors.


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## Purchasing

On September 16, 2021, a bid opening was conducted as required by City Charter and Code for seasonal requirements of Snow Removal Services with an option to renew for two (2) additional seasons. The bid was posted on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) website; www.mitn.info. Two (2) bid responses were received for City Owned Properties (Proposal A), three (3) bid responses were received for City Owned Sidewalks (Proposal B), and three (3) bid responses were received for Local Roads (Proposal C).

- Below is a detailed summary of potential vendors for the bid opportunity:

| Companies notified via MITN | 212 |
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| Troy Companies notified via MITN | 4 |
| Troy Companies notified Active email Notification | 3 |
| Troy Companies notified Active Free | 1 |
| Companies that viewed the bid | 31 |
| Troy Companies that viewed the bid | 1 |

> MITN provides a resourceful online platform to streamline the procurement process, reduce costs, and make it easier and more transparent for vendors to do business with the City of Troy. Active MITN members with a current membership and paying annual dues receive automatic electronic notification which allows instant access to Bids, RFPS and Quote opportunities with the City. Active MITN non-paying members are responsible to monitor and check the MITN website for opportunities to do business with the City. $\underline{\text { Inactive MITN member status can occur when a company does not renew }}$ their account upon expiration. Inactive members cannot be notified of

City Council approved a contract with, Premier Group of Detroit, MI for Proposal A and Xpert Lawn and Snow of Warren, MI for Proposal B (RESOLUTION\# 2021-10-148-J4b).

## Financial

Funds are budgeted and available for snow and ice removal services through the Public Works operating budgets for the Facilities and Grounds Division and Streets and Drains Division.

## Recommendation

City Management recommends the approval to allow City administration to extend the pricing established in Proposal A and Proposal B to other vendors for snow and ice removal on city owned facilities and grounds.


Attest:
(*Bid Opening conducted via a Go-To Meeting)
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