



PURCHASE OF VACUUM EXCAVATOR TRAILER

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Background

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- Drainage Utility Maint. Division vacuum excavator trailer
 - Specialized equipment is required to maintain the City's storm sewer system.
 - The City must purchase this equipment by December 13, 2018 to meet TCEQ MS4 permit requirements regarding maintenance schedules and emergency responsiveness.
 - The division plans to have the unit in service prior to September 30, 2018 to meet the permit requirements. The unit will also improve water quality, response time, employee and citizen safety, and reduce road flooding.
- Equipment procurement
 - Three quotes were received from vendors participating in various purchasing cooperatives.
 - Ring-O-Matic quote of \$78,780 provides the best value.
- Funding is available in the Fleet Internal Service Fund.

Alternatives

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- Option 1: Take no action
 - ▣ This would result in noncompliance with the City's Phase II (MS4) permit which could lead to TCEQ enforcement action (up to \$25,000 per day per violation).
- Option 2: Purchase - Recommended
 - ▣ Purchasing the specialized equipment meets the permit requirement and will improve the storm sewer maintenance program.



Ring-O-Matic Vacuum Excavator Trailer

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council approve the purchase of the vacuum excavator trailer from Ring-O-Matic utilizing the HGACBuy (Houston-Galveston Area Council) Cooperative for \$78,780, and that the City Manager or designee be expressly authorized to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by state and local law.