

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of PO 23-REQ-035 for the purchase of a Mid-Size Loader

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Meeting Date: August 15, 2023

Item Description: PO 23-REQ-035 for the purchase of a Mid-Size Loader

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of PO 23-REQ-035 for the purchase of a Mid-Size Loader

Executive Summary/Background:

- The County currently owns a 1999 John Deere 624H loader and 1999 Caterpillar 938G loader. An RFQ was posted for the purchase of a new mid-size loader, with a fork attachment (pipe style), and a 4-in-1 bucket attachment. Five proposals were received:
 - Dobbs Equipment, LLC. - \$263,800.00
 - Hills Machinery - \$248,700.00
 - Low Country - \$268,421.36
 - National Equipment Dealers - \$268,113.07
 - Yancy Bros Caterpillar - \$298,102.00
- EOM personnel reviewed all of the proposals and requested additional information from the vendors for a more thorough review. EOM recommends award to Dobbs Equipment for the John Deere 624P Loader. This unit appears to have more force than the other low bid, as well as a 12-month longer warranty period.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approval of PO 23-REQ-035 with Dobbs Equipment, LLC for the purchase of a Mid-Size Loader for \$263,800.00
2. Approval of PO 23-REQ-035 with Hills Machinery for the purchase of a Mid-Size Loader for \$248,700.00
3. Take no action.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: EOM, Finance, Purchasing

Funding Source: SPLOST

Attachments:

- PO 23-REQ-035 with Dobbs Equipment
- PO 23-REQ-035 with Hills Machinery
- EOM recommendation