



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: February 26, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the procurement contract with ABM Equipment, LLC, for a new replacement bucket truck and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract for \$301,038.00.

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BACKGROUND:

This purchase replaces the current bucket truck 63, a 2009 Ford F750. It is a budgeted capital item for a single vehicle. After delivery, minor local modifications will be made to add tools and custom equipment. The estimated lifespan of this type of vehicle is 10 years. The purchase was postponed prioritizing the replacement of GRPU's smaller bucket truck, which has ongoing maintenance issues.

These trucks are customized to fit the utilities needs but are based on a common platform. Leased vehicles decrease operating efficiencies and are not desired but an emergency option.



Current 2009 F-750

Estimated delivery is 1 year dependent on chassis delivery from Freightliner.

The current 2009 Ford F750 truck will be sold, for comparison, a similar truck is listed for \$45,000.

The GRPUC Procurement Policy was followed, and the certificate of insurance is on file. The Bid process used Sourcewell (a cooperative purchasing program) and a comparable Minnesota state bid.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider a motion to approve the procurement contract with ABM Equipment, LLC, for a new replacement bucket truck and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract for \$301,038.00.