

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Tungsten Carbide Grader Blade Tipped Cutting Edges

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend that the low bid from Valk Manufacturing be accepted and a purchase order be issued to them in the amount of \$22,132.00 for the purchase of tungsten carbide grader blade tipped cutting edges.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35 – 14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this purchase are available in the Right of Way Division's Streets Section/Major Streets Snow Removal Account No. 202-4655-841-73.30.

**Justification:**

On June 10, 2008 the City received five (5) bids for a durable cutting edge that could withstand the wear and tear of winter snow operations. A tungsten carbide grader reinforced blade was chosen due to our experience with them when the City borrowed two (2) Saginaw County trucks to assist our plowing operations. The bid from Michigan Cat did not meet specifications as to size. Truck and Trailer Specialties could only hold their pricing for 6 days beyond the opening bid date, which is not enough time to evaluate the bids and submit a recommendation. Following is a tabulation of the bids received:

Michigan Cat Novi, MI	\$16,144.06
Truck & Trailer Specialties Boyne Falls, MI	\$22,072.00

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Valk Manufacturing New Kingstown, PA	\$22,132.00
Shults Equipment Ithaca, MI	\$23,839.00
St Regis Culvert Inc. Charlotte, MI	\$25,220.00

**Council Action:**

Council\_\_\_\_\_ moved that the recommendation of the City  
Manager be approved.