



Legislation Text

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Department: Fleet

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Approve the purchase of four Silent Messenger II sign boards from Solar Technology, Inc. for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$67,444

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:

Operational Excellence

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department utilizes portable traffic message boards to control vehicular traffic flow and communicate work zone safety alerts. Solar-powered, trailer-mounted message boards are easily deployed, programmable, and provide superior visibility.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Three of the Public Works Department message boards (#23-047, #23-061, #23-065) are 12 years old and are at the end of useful life. An additional message board is needed to supplement traffic control and work zone safety needs of the department.

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of four Silent Messenger II sign boards utilizing U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule Contract# GS-O7F-5946P. As a political subdivision of the state of Florida, the City of Ocala qualifies as an eligible user of cooperative purchasing agreements like the GSA Multiple Award Schedule. GSA contracts are negotiated by the federal government with the intent of securing "most favored customer" pricing plus a discount offered to GSA and other authorized purchasers. The underlying agreement is valid from August 15, 2019 through August 16, 2024 and has been evaluated and determined by the City's Procurement and Contracting Department to be cost-effective and afford the City best value.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds were approved in the early purchase for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and will be included in the capital purchase carryforward to Fiscal Year 2023-24. Funding will be allocated to the Public Works Transportation Fleet CIP account 109-023-602-541-66-64010.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

These goods were procured in compliance with the City's Procurement Policy.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A. The Terms and Conditions of the City's Purchase Order will govern this purchase.

ALTERNATIVE:

- Approve with Changes
- Table
- Deny