




## MEMORANDUM

April 23, 2013

**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

**FROM:** Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator   
Russell Truell, Assistant City Administrator/CFO  
Becky Caldwell, Solid Waste Director  
Brian Wilcox, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consider authorizing the immediate issuance of a purchase order to Stringfellow, Inc. of Nashville for two (2) side-loading refuse collection trucks at \$258,377 each for a total of \$516,754, with delivery and payment scheduled for after July 1, 2013, for the Collection Division of the Solid Waste Department (to be reflected in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014, account number 124-89520-46110).

### Purpose

The purpose of this request is to obtain approval to order the two (2) automated side-loading refuse collection trucks, included in the FY2014 budget request, immediately, for delivery after July 1, 2013. These trucks would be used for daily residential collection throughout the City.

### Background

The Solid Waste Department currently has seven (7) automated side-loading trucks that are used on a daily basis to provide residential refuse collection services. Of these seven (7) trucks, two (2) of the automated side-loading trucks are model year 2004 and are used every day. We are proposing replacement of these two (2) trucks as they have exceeded the expected life cycle of 6-7 years. Most recently, one (1) of these two (2) units experienced catastrophic mechanical failure of the automated arm, used for collection. Approval of immediate issuance of a purchase order will allow for delivery of both replacement units by August 2013.

### Financial Impact

The mechanical failure recently experienced, will result in repairs of more than \$10,000 for a truck with more than eight (8) years of service.

The costs, as presented in the FY2014 proposed budget, equal \$516,754, for two (2) replacement automated side loading refuse collection trucks, based on NJPA quoted pricing.

### Options

1. Delay the purchase of these two (2) trucks until after the final FY2014 budget is approved; which includes incurring repair costs of more than \$10,000 and further delay for delivery of these trucks
2. Approve the immediate issuance of a purchase order for these two (2) trucks to allow for delivery as soon as possible.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the immediate issuance of a purchase order for two (2) automated side-loading refuse collection trucks to replace existing units.