

RESOLUTION NO. 959

A RESOLUTION finding that the steep incline conveyer system needed for the library is clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply, and further finding that pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 that the City need not comply with the competitive bidding statute for such purchase.

WHEREAS, the City has recently undertaken a remodeling and addition to its public library facility, and

WHEREAS, as part of the library project, the City desires to acquire a steep incline conveyer system for the transportation of books and library materials between different floors of the library, and

WHEREAS, the library has conducted a screening process and has determined that the steep incline conveyer system that will fit the City's need is available only through one manufacturer, and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that if specifications were drawn for a steep incline library conveyer system for the library facility, only one vendor would respond, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to proceed with the acquisition of such conveyer system from the sole vendor,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Camas as follows:

Section I

The Council hereby declares that there is a single source for the steep incline conveyer system needed for the public library facility.

Section II

The Council further declares that compliance with the competitive bidding statute would result in only one vendor submitting a bid.

Section III

The Council hereby authorizes the City to acquire the steep incline conveyer system by direct negotiation with the sole vendor.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 12th day of May, 2003.

SIGNED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

Shawn D. Meplean
City Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, Council & Staff

FROM: Roger Knapp

DATE: May 7, 2003

RE: Competitive Bidding Statute and Sole Source Vendor for Library Conveyer System

At the request of Library Director Zavortink, I have prepared a resolution authorizing the purchase of a steep incline conveyer system for the library without going through the competitive bidding process. RCW 39.04.280 sets forth some exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements, including purchases that are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply. In order to adopt the resolution in question, you need to find that if legitimate specifications were drawn for the conveyer system in question, only one vendor would be able to respond. It is not permissible to avoid the competitive bidding process simply as a matter of expediency. My suggestion would be that you conduct a hearing on the resolution and have Library Director Zavortink testify on public record as to the facts giving rise to the conclusion that there is only a single vendor available.

RDK