



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 24, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
**From:** Edward Quedens, Business Services Director  
Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator  
**Subject:** Purchase of an Industrial Wheel Loader (Replacement) for the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department as requested by the Fleet Services Department **(Funded by the Vehicle Replacement Fund)**  
**(Citywide)**

## Recommendation

Council is requested to approve the award as recommended.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities and Fleet Services Departments, and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using the Omnia Partners cooperative contract with Empire Southwest, LLC (a Mesa business) at \$105,889.85.

## Background / Discussion

This purchase is for a new 2020 Caterpillar 415F2, an industrial loader equipped with an air-conditioned cab and Gannon box standard equipment. The loader will be primarily used to rough and finish grade various basins, sports fields and parks in the City's park system.

This industrial loader will replace a 1995 open cab Ford 545-D Gannon and front-end loader that no longer fits the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's needs. During operations debris, rocks, and dirt (dust) is thrown into the air which causes a safety hazard for the operator if there is no cab protection. In addition, working in the park system can be extremely hot and requires an air-conditioned cab with HEPA filter.

The Omnia Partners cooperative contract has been competitively bid, provides volume pricing and meets the City's procurement requirements. The City has been satisfied with Empire's performance and products. In addition, the City is currently operating Caterpillar loaders and backhoes, therefore additional training is not required for the operators and Fleet Services staff to service and repair this loader. Purchasing and Fleet Services believe the price is fair and reasonable and soliciting for this product would not result in the City receiving more favorable pricing or terms.

## Purchase Information

Action: Award  
Procurement Type: Cooperative Contract Use

Contract Number: 2021003

Contracting Agency/Contract Number – Contract Term: Omnia Partners (formerly National IPA), City of Tucson No. 161534

Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method

Funding Source: Fleet Services Department operating budget through the Vehicle Replacement Fund

**AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

One – 2020 Caterpillar 415F2 Industrial Loader with Gannon per Contract No. 2021003 and Omnia Partners, No.161534

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Base                        | \$125,352.00               |
| Omnia Contract Discount 22% | <u>(\$27,577.44)</u>       |
| Base Sub-Total              | \$97,774.56                |
| 8.3% Sales Tax              | <u>\$8,115.29</u>          |
| Total                       | <b><u>\$105,889.85</u></b> |

One **Replacement** for the PRCF Department funded by the Vehicle Replacement Fund.