



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Specifications and Advertisement for Bids for One Material Handling Bucket Truck (\$179,000)

**MEETING DATE:** April 21, 1999

**PREPARED BY:** Electric Utility Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for one Material Handling Bucket Truck.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** A significant portion of the Department's distribution and sub-transmission system is overhead construction. The expansion of the system to provide electric service to new industrial loads is overhead construction as well. To meet the overall growth of the system, several large overhead system expansion projects are ready for construction, are being planned and designed and are anticipated to continue to develop into the foreseeable future.

Construction and maintenance of overhead lines are performed most efficient, rapid and safest from bucket trucks. The demand on the Department's existing bucket truck is so great that this specialized piece of equipment is only available for some jobs, resulting in inefficient utilization of staff and delays in the ability to complete work. This situation is compounded during times when the truck is unavailable due to break downs and/or required maintenance. Therefore, based on the present and future workload of the Department and the importance of having this type of equipment available at all times for both construction projects and service restorations, it has been recommended that an additional bucket truck be added to the Department's fleet of specialized utility vehicles.

The bid opening has been set for May 12, 1999.

**ESTIMATED COST:**

Material Handling Bucket Truck	\$179,000
Mobile radio purchase and installation	1,000
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Total cost:	\$180,000

**APPROVED FUNDING SOURCE:** Electric Utility Capital Budget  
(See Page E-8 of the 1997/99 Financial Plan & Budget)

Alan N. Vallow  
Electric Utility Director

**APPROVED:**   
H. Dixon Flynn -- Cfty Manager



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Material Handling Bucket Truck (Continued)

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Fleet Committee Review:

- Agrees with recommendation
- Disagrees

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Don Callahan*  
Fleet Manager

3/25/99  
Date

Approval of Funding Source:

*Vicky McAthie*  
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

4/8/99  
Date

1011201-7851 232E @ \$180,000  
Account No.

ANV/HH/kf

C: City Attorney  
Purchasing Officer

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*H. Dixon Flynn*  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager