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TO Judge Self and Commissioners' Court
FROM Jon Kleinheksel, Director/Public Works
RE Award of Bid: 50 Ton Hydraulic Gooseneck Trailer
IFB: 02173-10

We recommend award of this bid to the low bidder meeting specifications, Knight Brothers LLC DBA Twamco Trailers Manufacturing, for one (1) 50-Ton Hydraulic Gooseneck Trailer at a cost of \$55,880.

The low bidder, Federal Contracts Corp, took exception to our specifications and did not bid the type of trailer specified, offering instead, a detachable gooseneck, which does not fold down to form a smooth solid ramp for ease in offloading heavy equipment (such as a rubber tire roller). A detachable gooseneck is hard to re-attach to the tractor, as it must be "lined-up" just right and the slope of the ground may be such that it requires many passes. The folding gooseneck raises up and the tractor backs under it to re-attach.

We do not recommend acceptance of the vendor's offer of \$5,000 trade-in towards this purchase. The trailer to be replaced will be sold at auction.

This purchase was approved in the FY10 budget and will replace unit #9370, a 1985 Fontaine lowboy trailer.