

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-049  
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR VOLVO  
BRAND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PLOW TRUCKS**

The Village Board for the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, WI do resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Caledonia Public Works Department plow trucks have been historically purchased through Mack which is owned by Volvo. The Committee of the Whole approved a Sole Source request from the Public Works Department in December of 2023 to continue purchasing Mack directly per the Village’s procurement policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Caledonia Public Works Department has an opportunity to get a Volvo brand plow truck which utilizes the same engine and transmission at a much earlier date than a Mack due to supply chain and labor issues. The Village Engineer’s memo dated March 20, 2024 and included as **Exhibit A**, requested permission to purchase the Volvo brand truck via a sole source request to the Committee of the Whole per the procurement policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Caledonia Committee of the Whole recommended approval for the sole source purchase of Volvo brand plow trucks for the Village Public Works Department on March 26, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, that the requested sole source purchase request set forth above, is hereby approved for the same reasons set forth above and as described in **Exhibit A**.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 9 day of April, 2024.

**VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**


By: Thomas R Weatherston  
Thomas Weatherston  
Village President

Attest: Jennifer Olsen  
Jennifer Olsen  
Village Clerk

# MEMORANDUM

Date: March 20, 2024

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Ryan Schmidt, P.E.  
Village Engineer 

Re: **Sole Source Request Plow Truck – Volvo and Kriete Truck Center  
Milwaukee, Inc.**

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Highway Department was approved to Sole Source Mack Trucks at the Committee of the Whole on December 12, 2023. Since this time, Mack Truck and the sales team with Kriete Truck Center Milwaukee, Inc., who the Village utilizes for purchasing our Plow Trucks, has notified us that it will continually be more difficult to acquire the Mack branded Plow Trucks we have budgeted for the last 2 years. Kriete has brought forward a proposal for a Volvo brand chassis that utilizes the same engine and transmission as an alternate purchase option. The proposed alternative would allow the DPW to acquire the 2 trucks by the end of 2024. Staff have test driven the Volvo and believe the truck to be an equivalent truck with a higher quality cab. Volvo owns Mack which has allowed the Village this opportunity and the company has told us the price will be comparable.

Staff recommends that the Village move forward with Sole Sourcing Volvo through the Kriete Truck Center pending receipt of the budgetary information. If the cost is within our capital budget values for 2023 and 2024, it is recommended to proceed to ensure the DPW has the appropriate vehicles to calibrate and prepare for the next winter season.

## RECOMMENDATION

**Move to approve sole source purchasing of Volvo brand trucks for the Public Works Highway Division Single and Tandem axle plow trucks now and in the future.**