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While we appreciate all those that bid on the equipment and hope you continue to do so after reviewing all the bids for the hydraulic tracked excavator, we have chosen Tractor and Equipment Company. Tractor and Equipment Company complies with all our needs and requirements set forth in the bid. We also have received excellent service and maintenance records on the three mid/large track excavators and bulldozer we currently have from Komatsu. Keeping our equipment with the same company also makes regular maintenance and parts management more efficient and easier, as our mechanics have a familiarity with the brand. This also allows us to keep a minimal inventory stock on hand.

The Komatsu brand will also work with our existing stock of buckets. This will help reduce cost since additional buckets will not be needed.

The doors on the other models have hinges instead of the sliding type door that Komatsu uses, which is much more dangerous working in traffic or in tight areas around buildings and landscape.

All others failed to meet the requirements of the bid including track length, ground pressure, bucket digging force or stick digging force all of which are very important considering our varied work areas.

Tractor and Equipment Company will be awarded this bid. Their offer is the best choice for this equipment bid.

Thank You

*Tim Brunson*