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To The Honorable  
The Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Honorable Members:

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Attached please find a brief report on the optimal use of Public Works equipment and employees for provision of services to other agencies.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) owns a variety of equipment, of which certain pieces are highly utilized during seasonal requirements. Renting equipment to other municipalities offers challenges, in that their needs are also seasonal and coincide with ours.

The Department is continuing to right size in terms of personnel to handle our workload and streamline operations which is resulting in optimizing the number of drivers needed to fill assignments.

Knowing that we are faced with economically challenging times, the Department is actively pursuing various opportunities with neighboring municipalities and other agencies to utilize any excess capacity. In most cases, City equipment used by other municipalities will require city operators. Because of fewer and fewer non-assigned drivers or operators available, this delicate balance becomes extremely difficult at times when we are asked to optimize the number of operators.

The attached brief report highlights certain regular and specialized equipment owned by the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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