

## **Request for Purchase of Case Track Skid Steer**

The Diesel Technology (DSLTT) program would like to purchase a Case Track Skid Steer with the Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund (DEF) from auxiliary account (05-2-14237).

To review the stipulations with this fund it states: The DEF funds cannot be used to purchase any Caterpillar equipment, supplies, specialty tooling, attachments, etc. Basically, if it was manufactured or sold by Caterpillar and/or their dealers, we cannot use the DEF monies. The Case Track Skid Steer is what will work best for the DSLTT program. Because this piece of track equipment has contemporary technology and has repair capabilities that match our curriculum needs.

After searching for equipment that matches the curriculum within the DSLTT program and considering the price range, we found a lack of used equipment to be available. Multiple dealers were shopped. For example, NMC, Caterpillar, Titan Machinery, Big Iron Auction in Kearney and AKRS Equipment. In searching these dealers, it was found NMC's used equipment did not have an available track machine in our price range met the repair capabilities we were looking for. Comparable Case loaders were already repaired, or repairs needed were not feasible for budget and time restraints of the program. Big Iron had a lack of suitable equipment in the program price range. Kearney Equipment had no used equipment meeting the requirements available. AKRS had no track equipment in the price range that had not already been repaired.

This piece of equipment being requested can be repaired by students to bring it up to a marketable condition. This track skid steer was found as a trade-in to the dealership that has all the repair needs the program is searching for. The technologies on the machine can be used across a wide range of courses within the program to meet student needs through the curriculum. The dealer was also able to inspect the machine and give us an idea of the repairs needed and price under market value to purchase as is with no repairs made.

The primary reason for the sole source is market conditions. Currently, there is a lack of available used equipment. The Case Track Skid Steer found is a trade-in to the dealership that met the program needs. Supply chain issues will hopefully resolve in the coming years and more equipment will be available. Additionally, the sole source request is based on limited on diagnostic software that we have available to use on equipment. Currently, for track loaders we have Caterpillar software, as well as Case software. We are in the process of procuring John Deere software. We have also been informed the John Deere software may not provide the construction product line when we do have access. Without the correct diagnostic software and applicable service information the equipment would not be able to be utilized across multiple courses.