

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

98-139

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:
APRIL 20, 1998

SYNOPSIS –

SUBJECT:
SINGLE BID FOR
LIQUID ASPHALT
MATERIALS

On March 31, 1998, the City received a single bid for liquid asphalt materials in accordance with Specification No. 97-98-29. The bid from Bituminous Materials and Supply Company (900 East Raccoon Street, Des Moines, Iowa, Michael J. Kelly, President), which did not increase from last year's prices, was compared with bids obtained by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and was determined to be competitive.

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT —

SUBMITTED BY:
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PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

Funding is currently available in the Public Works Department's operating budget for the purchase of \$190,000 worth of required liquid asphalt materials.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve the sole bid received from Bituminous Materials and Supply Company for emulsified asphalt materials.

BACKGROUND —

The Public Works Department uses liquid asphalt materials in a variety of preventive maintenance and repair programs including chip and slurry seal, asphalt stabilization, and crack sealing. In addition, the materials are used to control dust on unpaved streets and to prepare paved streets for asphalt overlay.

Specifications for liquid asphalt materials were sent to two companies, with one bid received, which has been the case during the last four years. The next closest supplier of liquid asphalt materials is located in Omaha, Nebraska. This company has bid in the past, but has never been competitive with the local company because of delivery costs. They stopped bidding

in 1993.

The single bid, which did not increase from last year' s prices, was compared with the bids received for similar materials by IDOT. It was found that the City' s prices were comparable to those obtained by the State of Iowa.