



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**98-210**

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

**AGENDA:**  
MAY 18, 1998

**SYNOPSIS —**

**SUBJECT:**  
CENTRAL PLACE  
STORM PUMPING  
STATION  
DISCHARGE REPAIR

On May 12, 1998, the City received bids for the Central Place Storm Pumping Station Discharge Repair. Only one bid was received which was from Van Hauen & Associates (Mark Van Hauen, owner, 13185 Pineview Drive, Clive, Iowa, 50325). This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

**TYPE:**  
*RESOLUTION*  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

The bid received was for \$71,000. There is sufficient funding in the Capital Improvements Program Account Code 365767, page 292, for this project. The engineer's estimate is \$65,000.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
HAROLD SMITH  
CITY ENGINEER

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Award of this construction contract to Van Hauen & Associates.**

**BACKGROUND –**

Following is the staff's response explaining possible reasons for receiving only one bid:

Six potential prime contractors were notified of the project and availability of plans. Of these six, there were only three prime contractors who requested plans. Two of these contractors were either unable to start the project until fall or were not interested in sliplining work. This project is small enough that it nearly prohibits non-local contractors from mobilizing to Des Moines, leaving only local contractors that can do this project.

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