



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-440

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

On September 21, 1999, the City received bids for the University Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River Joint Repair. Cramer & Associates (Delmer Cramer, President, 990 NE 440th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313) submitted the only bid. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

SUBJECT:

UNIVERSITY
AVENUE BRIDGE
OVER DES MOINES
RIVER JOINT
REPAIR

FISCAL IMPACT -

The bid received was for \$53,137.50. There is sufficient funding for this project in Index Code 321943, Bridge Deck Restoration Project.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

A total of four contractors had requested bid documents as prime bidders. The following is the staff's response explaining possible reasons for receiving only one bid:

Telephone calls were made to the plan holders who indicated they would be prime bidders but did not submit bids. One plan holder indicated that the one-week bid period did not give them enough time to bid the project. Two plan holders indicated that the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) letting on the same day as the City letting made them unsure of their workload or limited their time to submit a bid.

The Public Works Department has indicated that these joints must be repaired before winter weather this year. Therefore, it

is staff's recommendation that the contract be awarded to Cramer & Associates in the amount of \$53,137.50.

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