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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-179

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

AGENDA:

APRIL 16, 2001

SYNOPSIS -

The lowest responsive bid for the construction of the Easton Boulevard Bridge Repainting project was submitted by Lindner Painting, Inc. (R.P. Lindner, Vice President, 2663 East Seward Road, Seward, Nebraska, 68434).

SUBJECT:

EASTON
BOULEVARD BRIDGE
REPAINTING -
AWARD OF
CONTRACT

FISCAL IMPACT -

The bid is for \$90,100. Funds for this project are available in the Capital Improvements Budget for City Wide Bridges.

TYPE:

Approval.

RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

On March 27, 2001, the City received three bids for the Easton Boulevard Bridge Repainting project. The bid from Van Nevel Coating and Restoration was not read because the bid bond was rejected. Lindner Painting, Inc. of Seward, Nebraska, submitted the low bid of the two bids read.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

Since Lindner Painting, Inc. has not done any prior work with the City of Des Moines and the low bid was 58 percent over the engineer's estimate, the Engineering Department reviewed both the contractor and the amount of the bid.

Lindner Painting, Inc. is currently qualified by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), which was confirmed by a February 19, 2001 letter from IDOT to Lindner Painting, Inc. This qualification expires on April 30, 2002. In addition, Lindner Painting, Inc. has submitted a lengthy list of bridge repainting projects that were completed primarily in Nebraska and Kansas.

Therefore, Lindner Painting, Inc. should be considered qualified for the repainting project on the Easton Boulevard Bridge over Four Mile Creek.

The cost differential between the engineer's estimate and the low bid submitted by Lindner Painting, Inc. is primarily in Bid Item 2, Cleaning and Painting Structural Steel. For this item, the engineer's estimate was \$35,000 and the low bid was \$66,500. The engineer's estimate is based on a \$6 per square foot cost based on conversations with a bridge painter. Recent data obtained by IDOT shows bridge repainting and containment costs to range from \$7.50 per square foot to \$14 per square foot. If a unit price of \$10 per square foot had been utilized for this estimate, it would have resulted in a \$67,000 estimate for cleaning and painting for this bid item. The original engineer's estimate did not take into account the small size of the structure and did not allow enough funding for mobilization/overhead costs for this project.
