

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-087

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

FEBRUARY 18, 2002

On February 4, 2002, the City received one bid for trash removal services at Spring Clean-up and Removal of Urban Blight (SCRUB) locations. Waste Management of Iowa (Curtis Hill, President, 201 SE 18th Street, Des Moines) was the sole bidder.

SUBJECT:

BIDS ON TRASH
REMOVAL
SERVICES FOR
SCRUB PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding is currently available from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded SCRUB project in the amount of \$75,000 and Solid Waste User Fees of approximately \$36,000. CDBG usually pays 67 percent of SCRUB costs each year in CDBG eligible neighborhoods, with the remaining 33 percent of costs paid by the Public Works Department budget.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM STOWE
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The Community Development and Public Works Departments, in cooperation with 51 neighborhood associations, will be carrying out 26 SCRUB Saturdays in 2002. The first SCRUB Saturday is scheduled for April 6, 2002.

Because the trash removal contract for SCRUB had expired, a new bid was issued on January 11, 2002 to secure prices for SCRUB trash removal services. The bid included cost for roll-off containers, cost of compactor truck and driver (if requested by the City during a particularly high volume SCRUB event), and the cost of tipping fees for trash and yard waste as well as the cost of tire recycling.

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services. Waste Management of Iowa was the sole bidder. No response to the bid request was received from: Archer Disposal Service; Artistic Waste Services, Inc.; BFI Waste Systems; David Williams Disposal Service; Economy Roll Off; Thoroughbred Sanitation; or Jermaine's Hauling and Services. Waste Connections of Iowa attended the bid opening although they had not submitted a bid.

2002 projected costs were made utilizing data from the 2001 SCRUB project. These projections follow:

2001 SCRUB Trash Removal and Landfill Costs:	\$110,038
2002 Projected SCRUB Costs Utilizing 2/4/02 Bid:	\$111,004

In 2001, 566 roll-off containers were used at a cost of \$113.30 each. The bid received by the sole source, Waste Management, lowered the cost to \$108.50 per roll-off container. Roll-offs represent approximately 58 percent of the cost of SCRUB. This sole source bid represents an estimated 1 percent increase in project costs from 2001 and appears to be within the inflation rate.

On February 18, 1999, the City received a single bid for trash removal services which would have increased the cost of roll-off containers by 48 percent when compared with previous years. Therefore, that bid was rejected and the Purchasing Agent rebid the work. The bid was opened on March 15, 1999, and received Council approval at its meeting of March 22, 1999.
