

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-216**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 5, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

ANNUAL  
CONTRACT FOR  
CONCRETE SAW  
BLADES

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM STOWE  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR

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

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

This action would award the bid for concrete saw blades to Star Equipment, LTD (Max G. Bowman, President, 1401 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa). These blades facilitate the various maintenance and construction activities that are performed by the Public Works Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

\$38,367—Purchase is proposed with funds from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) Curb and Median Island Replacement Program, CIP Concrete Paving Restoration, and CIP Neighborhood Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program (NIRP) Program.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND —**

The Public Works Department takes annual bids for concrete saw blades to facilitate the various maintenance and construction activities performed. On April 8, 2003, the purchasing agent issued specifications for concrete saw blades. Fourteen invitations to bid were mailed and 11 companies responded. Following are the results of staff's review of the bids submitted:

Staff rejected the low bid submitted by Diamond Tec, Inc. (664 S. Military Trail, Deerfield Beach, Florida) due to non-compliance with the cutting edge requirement. They bid saw blades with overall cutting edge height of 0.395, although heights of 0.350, 0.375, and 0.275 were specified. The height of the cutting edge is critical since wear is taking place on both the top and the sides of the cutting edge. If the cutting edge is too high, wear on the sides may result in premature breakage of the cutting edge. Star Equipment, LTD submitted the second low bid.

