

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-597

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

WRF AERATION
PIPING
IMPROVEMENTS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

On November 25, 2003, the City of Des Moines received bids for the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) Aeration Piping Improvements. Two bids were received, but only the one from C. L. Carroll Co., Inc. (Jon P. Rissman, President, 3623 - 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50313) in the amount of \$719,498 was read. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City Engineer's construction estimate is \$784,000. Sufficient funding for this project is available in the WRF Process Equipment Replacement in the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Page WRA-22, Fund EN267, Organization PWK990000, Project WRA 070, Index Code 397067, Activity ID 04-2004-001).

RECOMMENDATION —

Award of this construction contract to C. L. Carroll Co., Inc.

BACKGROUND —

The following is the staff's response explaining possible reasons for receiving only two bids and for award of the construction contract:

Only two bids were received on this project, being from C. L. Carroll Co., Inc. for \$719,498; and from SBI General, 87249 590 Avenue, Waterbury, NE, 68485. The bid from SBI General was not opened because SBI General failed to provide bid security as required by the City of Des Moines in the Instructions to Bidders.

Staff contacted two other contractors who had taken out plan sets, and they both stated that the reason they did not submit a bid was because of scheduling conflicts, current workload and the project having a specialized type of work. Our design consultant and engineering staff have reviewed the bid, and due to the urgency of this project to the WRF, rebidding the project would cause delays in improving the aeration piping at the WRF. The bid read was 8.2 percent under the Engineer's estimate, which is a difference from the estimate of \$64,502.

The design consultant and staff recommend acceptance of C. L. Carroll

	Co., Inc.'s current bid of \$719,498.
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