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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Approval of Low Compliant Bid for Traffic Paint

SYNOPSIS—

Recommendation for City Bid V04-83, annual contract for traffic paint, to award the bid to the low compliant bidder, Vogel Paint & Wax Company, 1020 Albany Place SE, Orange City, Iowa 51041.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$35,000, included in the Traffic and Transportation Division operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The Traffic and Transportation Division has requested bids for an annual contract to provide VOC (volatile organic compounds) compliant, fast-drying traffic paint for use in marking streets and crosswalks. In congested urban areas such as Des Moines, the fast drying time is crucial to reduce damage from traffic tracking the freshly painted lines; and getting paint on private

vehicles resulting in claims against the City to remove paint. Paint is specified to be furnished in 55-gallon drums for white and yellow paint, and in 5-gallon pails for white paint.

Bid proposals were sent to nine firms, with three firms submitting bids being: I.C.I. Paints of West Des Moines; Ennis Paint, Inc. of Ennis, Texas; and Vogel Paint & Wax Company of Orange City, Iowa. The low bid submitted by from I.C.I. Paints was not compliant because the bid proposed water-base paint that has a drying time of 10 minutes, well beyond the maximum specified drying time of four minutes. In addition, the water-based paint cannot be stored outside when the temperature drops below freezing, as freezing would damage the paint. Much of the City's paint equipment would also require expensive modifications to be able to use water-based paint. Staff recommends acceptance of the low compliant bid for VOC Compliant, fast-drying traffic paint as submitted by Vogel Paint & Wax Company.