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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

Approving contract and bond for Thomas Beck Road Storm Sewer Repair

### SYNOPSIS—

On June 2, 2004, bids were received by the City of Des Moines for Thomas Beck Road Storm Sewer Repair. Only one bid was received which was from Van Hauen & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$139,930.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

The City Engineer's construction estimate is \$97,000. Sufficient funding for this project is available in the City-Wide Storm Water Utility Projects, Page STE-4, Fund EN304, Organization ENG9900000, STE057, Index Code 365767, Activity ID 08-2001-002.

### RECOMMENDATION—

**Approval of construction contract to Van Hauen & Associates, Inc.**

### BACKGROUND—

The following is the explanation for receiving only one bid and justification for award of the construction contract:

This contract is for a repair to a storm sewer that lies under the proposed Riverpoint Trail Connection from Grays Lake to Court Avenue. This repair needs to be completed before the trail is constructed this summer.

The contract documents require the contractor to begin construction of the proposed pipe on June 21. The recent high river levels of the Raccoon River were not anticipated in preparing the construction estimate. The time constraints and river levels have driven the cost of construction up and the complexity of the project has reduced the number of bidders.

There were eight potential bidders that obtained plans indicating they were interested in the project. It is recommended to award this project because it is not anticipated that significantly lower prices would be obtained if the project was rebid. In addition, the schedule of this project is critical to the completion of the trail, not allowing time for rebidding.