



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 49  
Roll Call No. 08-  
Communication No. 08-340  
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.  
City Engineer

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving contract and bond, and permission to sublet for construction of an improvement, the estimated cost of which is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Skywalk Bridge 5D-6D Repairs, Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Tom Gorgas, President, \$10,875.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond, and permission to sublet for Skywalk Bridge 5D-6D Repairs, 12-2008-002. This project includes removal and replacement of deteriorated sheet rock on the soffit under the skywalk bridge. Competitive quotations for construction of the repair work were received by the Engineering Department in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Code of Iowa.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$10,875 Construction Contract

Funding Source: 2008-2009 CIP, Page Sidewalk-6, Downtown Skywalk System, SID094, Tax Increment Funds

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Sections 26.3 and 26.12 of the Code of Iowa exempt the governing body from advertisement for sealed bids and holding a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the improvement when the Engineer's estimated cost for the improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold established in Section 314.1B.

On February 12, 2007, under Roll Call Number 07-291, the Des Moines City Council approved bidding and contracting process changes for construction of improvements which included "Part II: New Competitive Quotation Process for Public Improvements" which the City Engineer has utilized for this project. Engineering and Legal Department Staff have utilized this process to determine the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for construction of the following improvement. The estimated cost of said improvement is \$14,000, which is less than the competitive bid threshold established in Section 314.1B of the Code of Iowa.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Jurisdictional Engineer's estimate for the construction of the following improvement:

Skywalk Bridge 5D-6D Repairs, 12-2008-002

The improvement includes removal and replacement of soffit sheetrock, texturing, painting, traffic control and clean up; all in accordance with the contract documents at Skywalk Bridge 5D-6D over 6th Avenue just north of Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Said plans and specifications were issued to contractors that normally bid on City of Des Moines projects of a similar nature, as part of a solicitation for proposals for said improvement; requesting the contractors to submit proposals to the Acting Des Moines City Engineer on or before 11:00 a.m. on May 29, 2008.

Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

- Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Des Moines, IA,
- Brocon Services LLC, Johnston, IA,
- Munro Construction Co., Johnston, IA,
- Neumann Brothers, Inc., Des Moines, IA,

The Acting Des Moines City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid was submitted by Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Tom Gorgas, President, 1719 Hull Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50313, in the amount of \$10,875, and recommends that said bid be accepted.

The Acting Des Moines City Engineer has secured execution of contract documents for said public improvements by the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for presentation to the City Council for approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 5, 2008

Roll Call Number: [07-291](#)

Action: [Summary](#) of Bidding/Contracting Process Changes for construction of public improvements, February 2007. ([Council Communication No. 07-062](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0..

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial Payments to the Contractor and final acceptance of work.

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