



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No.	42B
Roll Call No.	<u>09-</u>
Communication No.	<u>09-237</u>
Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager--Public Works Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Single Bid for Emulsified Asphalt Materials

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the single bid received for emulsified asphalt materials from Bituminous Materials and Supply Company (Bill Kubacki, Sales Representative, 900 Raccoon Street, P.O. Box 6205, Des Moines, IA 50309).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000

Funding Source: 2009-2010 Operating Budget, Fund SP360, Org PWK040400, Street Maintenance Fund, page 314.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Public Works Department uses emulsified asphalt materials in a variety of preventive maintenance and repair programs including slurry seal coats and asphalt stabilization. In addition, the materials are used to control dust on unpaved streets and to prepare paved streets for hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlay.

On March 17, 2009, specifications for emulsified asphalt materials were sent to the only three companies in the region capable of supplying the variety and quantity of emulsified asphalt materials needed. Only one bid was received from Bituminous Materials and Supply Company located in Des Moines, which has been the case for the past 12 years. Bituminous also supplies materials to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), Polk County, and other local government agencies. The next closest supplier of emulsified asphalt materials is in Dubuque, Iowa. This company has bid in the past, but has never been competitive with the local company because of delivery costs. An out-of-area supplier precludes the efficiency associated with City crews picking up material locally.

The single bid, which increased an average of 28 percent over the past year, was compared with the bids received for similar materials by IDOT and the City of Cedar Rapids. It was found that the City's prices were lower than those obtained by those two agencies.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 23, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-773

Action: Bituminous Materials & Supply for annual agreement renewable for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods to furnish emulsified asphalt materials to be used by Street Maintenance Division, \$300,000. (Two bids mailed, one received). (Council Communication No. 07-216)

) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Hensley.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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