

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date	November 23, 2009
	Agenda Item No. 7 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-826</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving contract and bond, and permission to sublet for construction of an improvement, of which the estimated cost is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Neola Pump Station Emergency Generator Relocation, Baker Electric, Inc., Britt Baker, CEO, 111 Jackson Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315, \$26,074.80.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond and permission to sublet for Neola Pump Station Emergency Generator Relocation, 07-2010-004. The work includes the relocation of the existing natural gas driven emergency generator and electrical equipment for the Neola Avenue sanitary pump station. 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: \$26,074.80 Construction Contract

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Sanitary-5, City-wide Sanitary Sewers, SAE054, Sanitary Sewer 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 (\$100,000) 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. These bidding and contracting process changes were also approved by the Des Moines International Airport Board on March 6, 2007, under Resolution Number A07-51. The estimated cost of said improvement is \$56,000, 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:

Neola Pump Station Emergency Generator Relocation, 07-2010-004

The improvement includes the relocation of the existing natural gas driven emergency generator and electrical equipment for the Neola Avenue sanitary pump station including construction of a new concrete foundation, earthwork, fencing, electrical and controls work, reconnecting the gas piping, demolition, temporary pumping and sitework and miscellaneous associated work including clean-up and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 509-016/021, on Neola Avenue west of Pennsylvania Avenue along the east bank of the Des Moines River, 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 Des Moines City Engineer on or before 11:00 a.m. on November 9, 2009.

Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Baker Electric, Inc., Des Moines, IA
ABC - Electrical Contractors, LLC, Des Moines, IA
The Waldinger Corporation, Des Moines, IA
C. L. Carroll Co., Inc., Des Moines, IA
Brocon Services LLC, Johnston, IA
Weidner Construction, Inc., Marshalltown, IA

The Des Moines City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid was submitted by Baker Electric, Inc. and recommends that said bid be accepted.

The 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): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial Payments to the Contractor and final acceptance of work.

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