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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 32 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>09-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>09-897</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager-Public Works Director, and <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer</b>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Issuance of a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Provision of Emergency Power Generation Equipment and Services Standardization for City of Des Moines Storm Water and City and Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) Sanitary Pump Station Facilities.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend Council approval to authorize the Procurement Division to issue a RFP for emergency power generation equipment and services standardization for City and WRA pump station facilities. This RFP will be sent to various emergency power generation equipment suppliers for submittal of proposals. These proposals will be evaluated and an agreement with the company providing the most benefit to the City will be negotiated and submitted to the City Council for consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: To be determined. A successfully negotiated contract is expected to allow for reduced emergency power generation equipment initial purchase costs and ongoing maintenance costs for existing and future pump station facilities.

Funding Source:

2009-10 CIP, Page Storm-6, STE081, Court Ave/Water Street Sewer Separation,

2009-10 CIP, Page Storm-7, STE074, Crawford Creek-Watershed Improvements,

2009-10 CIP, Page Storm-16, STE084, Storm Water Pump Station Emergency Power Generation,

2009-10 CIP, Page Sanitary-13, SAE123, Riverpoint Trunk Separation and Pump Station.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The goal of the RFP is to negotiate a contract with an initial five-year term with the option for two additional three-year terms. The City is currently in the design process for 20 emergency power generation facilities to serve existing and future sanitary and storm water pump stations. The emergency power generation equipment for these pump stations are scheduled to be purchased and installed within the next five years. By purchasing equipment for all twenty facilities under one contract, it is expected that a more favorable price can be negotiated than without such a contract.

The City as the owner and operator of both a sanitary sewer enterprise and storm water management utility and in its capacity as operating agency for the Des Moines Metropolitan WRA operates an extensive network of sewers and pump stations. It would be in the best interest of the City to move toward standardization of the equipment and services in both existing and future emergency power generation facilities for sanitary and storm water pump stations around a single manufacturer, thereby reducing the City's ongoing cost of maintaining an inventory of emergency power generation equipment repair parts, allowing maintenance staff more specialized training and providing a single point of contact for procurement of emergency power generation equipment, repair services, parts and technical assistance.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approval of contract with a successful proposer.

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