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	Agenda Item No. 10 Roll Call No. 10-698 Communication No. <u>10-251</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 the estimated cost of which is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Blank Park Zoo Tiger Pond Improvements, Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Tom Gorgas, President, \$26,975.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond, and permission to sublet for Blank Park Zoo Tiger Pond Improvements, 11-2010-014. The existing water feature in the Tiger Exhibit at the Blank Park Zoo has experienced mechanical problems in recent years. This project replaces the existing pump and straining system and moves it out of the exhibit making it more accessible for Zoo personnel to operate and maintain the system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$26,975 Construction Contract

Funding Source: 2010-2011 CIP, Page Park-4, Blank Park Zoo Improvements, PKS013, G. O. Bonds

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 (currently \$100,000 for this type of construction) 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 \$38,000, 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:

Blank Park Zoo Tiger Pond Improvements, Activity ID 11-2010-014

The improvement includes replacement of the existing water feature pump in the tiger exhibit, demolition and restoration of existing building floor, mechanical, electrical, concrete work, sodding, landscaping, clean-up and debris disposal all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 485-137/140 at the Blank Park Zoo, 7401 S.W. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50315. 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 April 26, 2010.

Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Bergstrom Construction, Inc., Des Moines, IA,
Munro Construction Co., Johnston, IA,
Downing Construction Inc., Indianola, IA,
T K Concrete Inc., Pella, IA.

The 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 \$26,975, 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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