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	Agenda Item No.	7
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	<u>12-071</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving contract and bond for construction of an improvement the estimated cost of which is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Washington Avenue Pump Station Modifications, Baker Electric, Inc., Britt Baker, CEO, \$63,845.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond, and permission to sublet for Washington Avenue Pump Station Modifications, 08-2012-004. The Washington Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Modifications are composed of adding new pump controls and power cables. Existing temporary controls were installed under an emergency measure when there was high water damage over a year ago.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$63,845 Construction Contract

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP, Page Storm - 14, Storm Water Pump Station Rehabilitation, STE073, Storm Water Utility 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 (currently \$125,000 for this type of work) 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 \$64,000, 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 Engineer's estimate for the construction of the following improvement: Washington Avenue Pump Station Modifications, 08-2012-004.

The improvement includes the removal and replacement of pump station controls, pump power cables, and other associated items along with any required City of Des Moines building or electrical permit costs; all in accordance with the contract documents, including the Washington Avenue Pump Station Modifications plans and specifications bound within these documents or included by reference from SUDAS Standard Specifications, and modified within these contract documents, at the Washington Avenue Pump Station, 1950 East Washington Avenue, 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 January 30, 2012.

Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Baker Electric, Inc., Des Moines, IA
Biermann's University Electric Company, Inc., Des Moines, IA
Innovative Mechanical Services, Ankeny, IA
The Waldinger Corporation, Des Moines, IA

The Des Moines City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid was submitted by Baker Electric, Inc., Britt Baker, CEO, 111 Jackson Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50315, in the amount of \$63,845, 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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