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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>28A</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>12-0401</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>12-107</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager – Public Works Director</b>

**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: \$300,000.00

Funding Source: 2011-2012 Operating Budget, Fund SP360, Org PWK040400, Street Maintenance Fund, page 253.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Department of Public Works 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 February 1, 2012, 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 14 years. Bituminous also supplies materials to the 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 2.4 percent over the past two years, was compared with the bids received for similar materials by the IDOT and the City of Cedar Rapids. It was found that the City's prices were comparable to those obtained by those two agencies.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: April 20, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-661

Action: [Bituminous](#) Materials & Supply for an annual contract with two (2) additional one year renewal options to furnish emulsified asphalt materials to be used by the Public Works Department, \$300,000. (Three bids mailed, one received). ([Council Communication No. 09-237](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Hensley.**

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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