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	Agenda Item No. 42D Roll Call No. <u>14-0973</u> Communication No. <u>14-304</u> Submitted by: Patrick J. Kozitza, Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Tree Removal and Stump Grinding, Stump Grinding only, and the Treatment of Ash Trees contracts as set forth in the City of Des Moines Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan. Contracts are for one (1) year with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options.

SYNOPSIS:

With the forecasted onset of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), bids were taken for the removal of Ash trees including stumps, grinding of stumps only, and the treatment of the Ash trees as part of the City of Des Moines EAB Management Plan. Nineteen bid packages were mailed, and six (6) bids were received on June 13, 2014. Family Tree Care LLC, 7584 Hickman Road, Waukee, Iowa 50324, Rick Hanson, President, was the overall low dollar compliant bidder for tree and stump removal services at an average cost of \$866 per tree. Family Tree Care was also the overall low dollar compliant bidder for stump grinding services at an average cost of \$116 per stump. Kinnucan Tree Experts, 28877 Nagel Court, Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044, Robert Kinnucan, President was the overall low dollar compliant bidder for treatment services at an average cost of \$90 per tree. Staff recommends approval of the low bids to be used during fiscal year (FY) 2014/2015 for a total cost of \$880,000.

To ensure the timely completion of these services, the Department of Public Works will designate a secondary supplier in the event the primary supplier is unable to provide services in the time requested. Wright Outdoor Solutions, 8000 Raccoon River Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266, Scott Packard, CEO, was the overall second low dollar compliant bidder for tree and stump removal services at an average cost of \$1,450 per tree. Wright Outdoor Solutions was also the overall second low dollar compliant bidder for stump grinding services at an average cost of \$138 per stump. TruGreen, 301 SW Oralabor Road, Ankeny, Iowa 50023, Jim Boswell, President, was the overall second low dollar compliant bidder for chemical treatment services at an average cost of \$102 per tree.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$880,000 annually for term of agreement (\$2,640,000 over three (3) years)

Funding Source: FY 2014-15 Capital Improvements Program, C051PW99 MS012, Miscellaneous Improvements, Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan, page 7.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The EAB is a destructive tree insect from Asia that was first identified in Michigan in 2002. Since then it has been discovered in 18 states, including discoveries in eight (8) counties in Iowa in 2013. This insect has the capacity to kill ash trees. Des Moines has approximately 13,000 high priority ash trees that may impact streets, trails, parking lots, buildings, people, and vehicles if they die and fall.

The EAB Management Plan for managing the City's high priority ash trees was presented to the Council at the January 13, 2014 Council Workshop. The presentation outlined the steps to be taken in response to the pending EAB threat including the removal and/or treatment of Ash trees on City owned right of way and other City owned properties within the City limits.

Implementation of the EAB Management Plan will require contractor assistance with tree and stump removal, and treatment. Competitive bids for such work have now resulted in favorable pricing from qualified vendors that have sufficient capacity to perform the scope of work required. Contract compliance is intended to be performed using existing City staff.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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