

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS**

**AGENDA #** 9

**A G E N D A R E P O R T**

**DATE:** October 1, 2002

**ITEM:** CONTRACT BID AWARD: WATER TREATMENT PLANT BACKWASH  
CLARIFIER AND MISC IMROVEMENTS, (O.F. 1199.9)

**INITIATED BY:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

**ACTION REQUESTED:** CONSIDER BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACT

**PRESENTED BY:** JIM REARDEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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**MOTION:** "I move the City Commission award a contract in the amount of \$1,146,500.00 to Oswood Construction Company for the Water Treatment Plant Backwash Clarifier and Misc. Improvements, (O.F. 1199.9), and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract."

**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Treatment Plant Backwash Clarifier and Misc. Improvements, (O.F. 1199.9)

**RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR:** Oswood Construction Company

**CONTRACT AMOUNT:** \$1,146,500.00

**ENGINEERS ESTIMATE:** \$1,204,000.00

**BUDGETED FUND:** Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvement

**START DATE:** October, 2002 (Projected)

**COMPLETION DATE:** May, 2003 (180 Calendar Days)

**PENALTY/INCENTIVE TERMS:** Liquidated Damages, \$200.00/Day

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Water Treatment Plant Backwash Clarifier and Misc. Improvements, (O.F. 1199.9) is part of a series of Water Treatment Plant (WTP) infrastructure upgrades. The purpose of this project is to construct a backwash water clarification system. The system will include a conventional clarifier and settling basin with sludge removal equipment, pumps, piping, electrical and an associated building necessary to house equipment. In addition, electronic gates will be added for security and a number of maintenance items will be upgraded.

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The City of Great Falls' WTP is currently having difficulty meeting Montana Pollution Discharge

Elimination System (MPDES) discharge permit requirements for total suspended solids in the backwash water. The backwash water is discharged directly to the Missouri River. The new backwash water clarification system will enable the plant to meet the MPDES discharge limits by removing solids produced by the water purification system.

**BACKGROUND:**

Bids were opened on July 1, 2002, with two contractors submitting bids. Dick Anderson Construction, Inc. submitted a bid of \$1,022,900 while Sletten Construction Company submitted a bid of \$1,494,800. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,204,000.

Due to an error while preparing the bid, Dick Anderson was allowed to withdraw their bid. Therefore, the only bidder on the project was Sletten Construction. It was the opinion of TD&H and City staff that because Sletten's bid was substantially higher than the engineer's estimate, the Sletten bid should be rejected and the whole project should be re-bid. The commission rejected the bid on August 6, 2002. This action allowed the City to re-advertise the project with hopes of soliciting more than two bidders and receiving a more favorable price.

A number of minor modifications were made to the contract prior to re-bidding. On September 18, 2002, five contractors submitted on the re-bid. Oswood Construction Company submitted the low bid of \$1,146,500.

Thomas, Dean and Hoskins, Inc. completed the project design and will provide field inspection. City Engineering Staff assisted with contract administration and will assist with inspection duties.

Attachment: Bid Tabulation

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BID TABULATION SUMMARY

Water Treatment Plant Backwash Clarifier & Miscellaneous Improvements  
 O.F. 1199.9 (REBID)

Project Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bids Taken at Civic Center  
 Date: September 18, 2002  
 Tabulated By: Dorée Russell

	Name & Address of Bidder	Ack. Add. #1	10% Bid Security	Aff. of Non-Collusion	Cert. of Non-Seg. Facilities	Cert. of Compl. w/ Ins. Req.	Bid	Add. Alt. #1	Add. Alt. #2	Add. Alt. #3	Total Bid w/ Alternates 1-3
1	Oswood Const. P.O. Box 3527 Great Falls, MT 59403	v	v	v	v	v	\$1,073,500.00	\$37,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,146,500.00
2	James Talcott Const. P.O. Box 2493 Great Falls, MT 59403	v	v	v	v	v	\$1,256,950.00	\$41,300.00	\$17,250.00	\$25,000.00	\$1,340,500.00
3	Sletten Const. P.O. Box 2467 Great Falls, MT 59403	v	v	v	v	v	\$1,147,800.00	\$18,200.00	\$13,700.00	\$2,440.00	\$1,182,140.00
4	Williams Bros. Const. 1035 Cerise Rd. Billings, MT 59103	v	v	v	v	v	\$1,351,990.00	\$42,950.00	\$25,500.00	\$36,235.00	\$1,456,675.00
5	MAC Equipment Rental 1800 Lodgepole Helena, MT 59601	v	v	v	v	v	\$1,130,900.00	\$37,400.00	\$20,300.00	\$17,600.00	\$1,206,200.00
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10	<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>						\$1,127,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$1,204,000.00