

The project also includes the first phase of the sewer main extension project to the Agri-Business Park. Both the trail and sewer line partially follow the same alignment, so the projects have been combined to save on construction costs as well as to reduce the amount of disruption to either, should they have been constructed separately.

A bid opening for the combined trail and sewer main project occurred on September 8, 2004, with five bidders responding. The lowest responsive, responsible bid was from United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. in the amount of \$1,384,137.95. The low bid is \$85,283.95 or 6.6% above the Engineer's Estimate. This is considered to be an acceptable difference. The design engineer, Neil Consultants, Inc. has recommended award of the bid. The difference between the Engineer's Estimate and the low Bid Price is attributable to higher steel and oil prices, the time of year of the bid and the fact that there is considerable construction work underway in the area or anticipated in the near future. A re-bid would not be expected to result in lower bids.

BACKGROUND:

In 2000, the City Commission allocated Community Transportation Enhancement Program funds for the extension of River's Edge Trail along the North Shore of the Missouri River from the 9th St. Bridge east to the 15th St. Bridge. The general scope of work includes design and construction of a paved bicycle and pedestrian trail, including earthwork, a lighted tunnel, gravel sub-base, paving, topsoil/seeding, relocation of sanitary sewer and raw water lines, topsoil and seeding, etc.

Neil Consultants, Inc. was selected on a competitive basis as the highest ranked firm responding to the Request for Statements of Qualifications and Proposals. An agreement for professional services was approved by the City Commission and signed on March 6, 2001. Due to environmental issues with the chosen trail alignment along the former rail bed to Smelter Hill, the project was redesigned in 2003 along a new route parallel to the River.

Also in 2003, the City began to investigate a route for a new sanitary sewer line to serve the new Agri-Business Park on the north edge of Great Falls. The chosen route was also along a portion of the redesigned trail alignment. Therefore, the trail project was again redesigned to accommodate the new sewer trunk main. Subsequent phases of the sewer main extension project are scheduled for bid later this fall.

Attachment: Bid Tabulation Summary

cc: Dave Dobbs, City Engineer

BID TABULATION SUMMARY

PROJECT

STPE 5299(33)
 West Bank Trail Connection/Agri-Business Park Sewer Main Extension - Phase
 Control No. 4201
 O.F. 1306.0

OPENING INFORMATION

Date: September 8,2004
 Time: 3:00 PM
 Place: Rainbow Room
 Civic Center, Great Falls MT

	Bidder (Name/Address)	Envelope Info.	Federal Proposal	Addendum Acknowl.	Compliance w/Insurance	DBE Schedule	Bid Bond	Bid Amount	Notes
1	Shumaker Trucking and Excavating Contractors, Inc PO Box 1279 Great Falls, MT 59403	x	x	x x	x	x Bidder List x	x	\$ 1,455,000.00	
2	Phillips Construction 795 Ulm Vaughn Rd Great Falls, MT 59404	x	x	x x	x	x Bidder List x	x	\$ 1,418,260.00	
3	COP Construction PO Box 20913 Billings, MT 59104	x	x	x x	x	x Bidder List x	x	\$ 1,899,778.00	
4	United Materials PO Box 1690 Great Falls, MT 59403	x	x	x x	x	x Bidder List x	x	\$ 1,384,137.95	
5	Sletten Construction PO Box 2467 Great Falls, MT 59403	x	x	x x	x	x Bidder List x	x	\$ 1,824,833.00	
	Engineer's Estimate							\$ 1,298,854.00	