



Item: Purchase of Anhydrous Ammonia

From: Water Treatment Plant

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Director of Public Works

Action Requested: Approval of Bid

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission accept the low bid from DPC Industries, Inc., and authorize staff to purchase anhydrous ammonia in the amount of \$150 per 147-lb. cylinder for FY 2008/09.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission accept the low bid from DPC Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$150 per 147-lb. cylinder for anhydrous ammonia for FY 2008/09.

Background: Anhydrous ammonia is used in the water treatment process to produce chloramine, which provides a disinfectant residual in the drinking water. Specifications and bid materials were prepared for the purchase of anhydrous ammonia for the Water Treatment Plant for the upcoming fiscal year. Notices were sent out to all prospective bidders and publicly advertised. The low bid from DPC Industries, Inc., our current supplier, was acceptable as submitted.

Bids were accepted on May 7, 2008 for FY 2008/09 Water Treatment Plant chemical needs. DPC Industries, Inc., of Billings, Montana, provided the lowest acceptable bid for anhydrous ammonia at \$150 per 147-lb. cylinder. This Commission action would award a contract for FY 2008/09.

Concurrences: not applicable

Fiscal Impact: This price reflects a 3.4% increase from the FY 2007/08 contract price. The new contract would allow for the purchase of a maximum of 100 cylinders for a total cost of \$15,000.

Alternatives: not applicable

Attachments/Exhibits: Bid tab attached