



Item: Construction Contract Award: West Bank Park Storm Drain Outfall Improvements, O.F. 1482

From: Engineering Division

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Action Requested: Award Construction Contract

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission award a contract in the amount of \$430,520 to Phillips Construction LLC, for the West Bank Park Storm Drain Outfall Improvements, O.F. 1482 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.”

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

Staff Recommendation: Approve construction contract award.

Background:

Significant Impacts

Four storm drains currently outfall into channels that cut across the north end of West Bank Park before emptying into the Missouri River. The banks of the largest channel have been continually eroding causing damage to a pedestrian bridge on the City’s trail system. The erosion has also left abrupt and potentially unsafe channel banks within the park. Additionally, the drainage channels have exposed unsightly utility lines.

Citizen Participation

Not Applicable

Workload Impacts

Phillips Construction has indicated they have the available resources to meet the project timetable. Stelling Engineers Inc. staff designed the project, prepared the contract plans, specifications and estimates for this project. City engineering staff will perform construction inspection and contract administration duties.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to correct localized erosion and alleviate safety concerns.

Project Work Scope

This project will install new manholes, storm drain pipe and two concrete vaults, construct concrete outfall structures that include rip-rap to control erosion, reconstruct the pedestrian bridge abutments and reset the existing bridge. The project will also place additional gravel base course on the existing access drive and backfill in an existing drainage ditch between the access drive railroad line. Finally, the project will re-grade the existing drainage channels and import topsoil, install erosion control features and perform re-vegetation, seeding and fertilizing.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Three bids were received and opened for this project on September 24, 2008. The bids ranged from \$324,992 to \$520,000. The attached bid tabulation summarizes bids that were received. Shumaker Trucking and Excavating Contractors Inc. submitted the low bid of \$324,992. However, that bid had to be rejected because it was not accompanied by the required Bid Bond, which is a bidding requirement.

Conclusion

City staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Phillips Construction in the amount of \$430,520. This bid is near the Engineer's Estimate of \$426,680.

There are several good reasons to move forward with the project at this time. October and November construction can take advantage of generally dry weather and low river levels. Delaying the project will risk pushing the project into cold winter weather or wet spring weather. Delays could also risk problems with the BNSF railroad permit as well as permits with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Concurrences:

The City's Parks and Recreation Department and Rivers Edge Trails, Inc. have been consulted throughout the design phase of the project and have made recommendations regarding vegetation, landscaping and bridge replacement. Permits have been approved by Burlington Northern Railroad, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Montana's Departments of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Environmental Quality.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds are available from the storm drain utility to cover the cost of the improvements.

The attached bid tabulation summarizes bids that were received.

Alternatives: The City Commission could also chose from two other alternatives to awarding the contract to Phillips Construction.

First, all bids could be rejected and the project re-bid. This would delay construction into potentially less favorable winter conditions. Possible cost savings might be realized, although there is no guarantee that the savings would be all of the difference between current bids from Shumaker Trucking and Phillips Construction. Future bids could also be higher than the current

Phillips Construction bid. Several thousand dollars would be needed for re-advertising, updating and printing contract documents.

Second, the award could be made to Shumaker Trucking. The bid bond would first have to be obtained. This alternative may be challenged on legal grounds. Both alternatives would generate hard feelings from the construction community, as well as damaging the City's credibility.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Bid tabulation is attached.

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BID TABULATION SUMMARY
 West Bank Storm Drain Outfall Improvements
 OF 1482

Project Number _____
 Bids Taken at Civic Center
 Date: September 24, 2008
 Tabulated By: Kari Wambach

	Name & Address of Bidder	Acknowledge Addendum #1	Acknowledge Addendum #2	10% Bid Security	Affidavit of Non-Collusion	Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities	Certificate of Compliance with Insurance Req.	Total Bid
1	Shumaker Trucking Company P.O. Box 1279 Great Falls, MT 59403-1279	√		no bid bond	√	√	√	\$324,992.00
2	United Materials, Inc. P.O. Box 1690 Great Falls, MT 59403	√		√	√	√	√	\$520,000.00
3	Phillips Construction 795 Ulm-Vaughn Rd. Great Falls, MT 59404	√		√	√	√	√	\$430,520.00
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10	Engineer's Estimate							\$426,680.00