

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY CLARIFIER PAINTING PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Ames Water Pollution Control (WPC) Facility has eight clarifiers, four primary and four intermediate/final, that separate solids from the water in the wastewater treatment process. The paint systems on the metal equipment and concrete of the WPC Facility clarifiers are failing, causing corrosion to occur in some areas.

All eight clarifiers were originally painted in 1989 during construction of the WPC Facility. Two clarifiers, one primary and one intermediate/final, were repainted in the fall of 2007. This contract award is to repaint two additional clarifiers, one primary and one intermediate/final, in the fall of 2008. Staff intend to contract for repainting two clarifiers each year until all eight of the WPC Facility clarifiers have been repainted.

On April 8, 2008, the City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for this project. Six bids were submitted, and bids were opened on April 28, 2008. HEG Painting of Cherokee, Iowa provided the lowest bid in the amount of \$255,900. HEG Painting was awarded the WPC Facility clarifier painting contract last year and performed satisfactory work. Therefore, staff is comfortable that HEG Painting has the ability to provide quality work for the City again this year and recommend that the bid provided by HEG Painting be accepted and a contract awarded in the amount of \$255,900.

The FY 08/09 CIP budget for the Water Pollution Control Facility includes \$180,000 for clarifier repainting. Carry-over from the current year's clarifier project will provide an additional \$30,000, for a total available budget to \$210,000. During preparation of final budget amendments for FY 07/08, staff reduced other WPC projects in the current year by nearly \$70,000, in effect returning those monies to the Sewer Fund balance. That same amount can be re-allocated to this FY 08/09 WPC Facility Clarifier Painting Project. This will bring the total project budget to \$280,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a contract to HEG Painting of Cherokee, Iowa in the amount of \$255,900 with project funding as described above.
2. Do not approve a contract at this time.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The original paint systems on the Water Pollution Control Facility clarifiers are failing, which results in corrosion of the underlying equipment. It is in the City's best interest to remove the existing paint systems and apply new paint to ensure the long-term integrity of the WPC Facility equipment. HEG Painting of Cherokee, Iowa has submitted a bid price of \$255,900 to complete the painting project as specified. Savings from current year projects are available to help fund the shortfall in this project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby awarding a contract to HEG Painting of Cherokee, Iowa in the amount of \$255,900.