

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; and two clarifiers, one primary and one intermediate/final, were painted in the fall of 2008. This contract award is to repaint two additional clarifiers, one primary and one intermediate/final, in the fall of 2009. Staff intend to contract for repainting two clarifiers each year until all eight of the WPC Facility clarifiers have been repainted.

On March 24, 2009, the City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for this project. Five bids were submitted, and bids were opened on April 15, 2009. Superior Painting and Epoxy Coatings, LLC provided the lowest bid in the amount of \$253,000. However, Superior Painting and Epoxy Coatings, LLC did not meet the minimum project experience requirements for this project; and, therefore, their bid has been determined to be non-responsive. The next responsible, responsive bidder was L&P Painting Company, Inc., which provided the next lowest bid in the amount of \$253,461. L&P Painting Company, Inc. has performed work for the Water and Pollution Control Department on a previous clarifier painting project and performed satisfactory work. Therefore, staff are comfortable that L&P Painting Company, Inc. has the ability to provide quality work for the City again and recommend that the bid provided by L&P Painting be accepted and a contract awarded in the amount of \$253,461.

The FY 09/10 CIP budget for the Water Pollution Control Facility includes \$280,000 for clarifier repainting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to L&P Painting Company, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$253,461 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. The lowest bid was determined to be non-responsive. L&P Painting Company, Inc. has submitted a bid price of \$253,461 to complete the painting project as specified and has been determined to be the lowest responsive bidder.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby awarding a contract to L&P Painting Company, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$253,461.