

ITEM # 31
DATE: 02-28-12

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY LONG-RANGE FACILITY PLAN

BACKGROUND:

The City's Water Pollution Control (WPC) Facility was constructed more than 20 years ago, and the original design life of the facility considered flows and loads through 2010. The facility continues to provide exceptional treatment, but it is time to create a new long-range facility plan for the plant. This facility plan will essentially be a road map for the facility providing guidance on how to handle increased flows, loads, and regulatory requirements for a defined time period, typically 20 years.

City staff publicly solicited Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from 15 firms to prepare this long-range facility plan. A selection committee consisting of management, technical staff, and front-line staff reviewed the eight SOQs received. After reviewing the qualifications, five consulting teams were invited to interview with the selection committee. Each team was evaluated based on its qualifications and its understanding of the project as demonstrated by its presentation and written scope of work. The selection committee identified HDR, Inc., with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, as the preferred firm to prepare the facility plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to HDR, Inc., headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, in the lump sum amount of \$379,200, to prepare a long-range facility plan for the WPC facility.
2. Do not approve the contract at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The WPC Facility has a long history of effectively treating the City's wastewater and of complying with environmental regulations. It is time to update the WPC facility plan, or road map, to help determine how this facility will continue to manage future conditions.

Therefore it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby awarding a contract to HDR, Inc. of in Omaha, Nebraska in the lump sum amount of \$379,200 to prepare this long-range WPC facility plan.