

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: Report of Bid and Award of Contract for Bus Facility Expansion**

**BACKGROUND:**

Plans and specifications were developed by the architect and engineering firm of URS for the CyRide Bus Facility Expansion Project. The project provides for the expansion of bus storage on the north side of the existing facility along with significant flood mitigation measures. Other elements of the project include raising existing HVAC ductwork, and repairs to the bus wash area.

To accomplish the construction project, CyRide has received Federal and State grants. CyRide has accumulated the required local match funds and has the following dollars available as of January 31, 2013:

Funds Available	Dollars
Federal Funds (#IA-04-0111)	\$2,746,779
Federal Funds (administered through the IDOT)	\$358,800
State Funds (PTIG Expansion)	\$800,000
State Funds (PTIG Ceiling)	\$600,000
Local	\$1,127,645
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$5,633,224</b>

A construction budget of \$5,022,720 was established after subtracting fees for architect and engineering services, surveys, construction testing, and other project related fees.

Bids for the project were received February 6, 2013. Five general contractors submitted bids for the project as follows.

Bidders	Base Bid	Deduct Bid Alternate #1
Henkel Construction Company, Mason City, IA	\$4,489,000	\$70,000
Koester Construction Co., Inc., Grimes, IA	\$4,650,000	\$53,250
Larson & Larson Construction Management Services, LLC, Des Moines, IA	\$4,717,000	\$75,000
HPC, L.L.C., Ames, IA	\$4,850,000	\$75,000
Seneca Companies, Inc., Des Moines, IA	\$4,938,000	\$86,000

Staff concluded that the apparent low bid submitted by Henkel Construction Company, Mason City, IA in the amount of \$4,489,000 is acceptable. They have provided all the required forms and certifications. The deduct bid alternate #1 will not be accepted as it was a "budget saving" alternate that specified a less energy efficient exterior building

treatment on the bus storage expansion portion of the project. With the positive bid results, staff recommends not considering this alternate allowing for increased energy efficiency of the building, which will reduce operating costs on an annual basis and reflects the City's sustainability priorities.

The Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees will review the bids at the scheduled February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Award of contract is subject to Board of Trustee approval and concurrence of the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Public Transit.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a construction contract to Henkel Construction Company, Mason City, IA, for the CyRide Bus Facility Expansion Project in the amount of \$4,489,000. Award of contract is subject to approval by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees and concurrence from the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Public Transit.
2. Reject all bids and direct staff to modify the project to reflect City Council priorities.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Alternative No. 1 will allow CyRide to move forward with an expansion project that will house buses currently stored outside. The project will also provide for critical flood mitigation measures and improve facility deficiencies.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby award a construction contractor to Henkel Construction Company, Mason City, IA, for the CyRide Facility Expansion Project in the amount of \$4,489,000. Contract award is subject to approval by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees and concurrence from the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Public Transit.