

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PEBBLE LIME PURCHASE FOR WATER TREATMENT

BACKGROUND:

Pebble lime is used in the water treatment process to remove water hardness. Almost 3,000 tons are used annually and it is the largest chemical cost for the Water Plant. The contract for pebble lime is bid for the current year plus an optional extension period for the next year.

On April 25, 2013, bids were received for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

BIDDER	July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014		Optional Extension 7/1/14-6/30/15	
	Price Per Ton	Estimated Total Cost	Price Per Ton	Estimated Total Cost
Graymont Western Lime Inc. West Bend, WI	\$141.00	\$408,900	\$146.00	\$423,400
Mississippi Lime Company St. Louis, MO	\$186.70	\$541,430	\$196.70	570,430
Lhoist North America of Missouri, Inc. St. Genevieve, MO	\$237.00	\$687,300	No bid	

The total estimated cost in the table above is for an estimated quantity of 2,900 tons per 12-month period. Actual usage will depend on water quality and consumption. The 2013/14 operating budget estimates 2,750 tons at \$144.90 per ton for a total of \$398,500.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Award a contract for the purchase of pebble lime to Graymont Western Lime Inc. of West Bend, WI. The contract provides lime at \$141 per ton for FY 2013/14.
- 2) Award the contract for the purchase of pebble lime to one of the two other bidders.
- 3) Reject all bids and attempt to obtain the required services on an as-needed basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Acquiring an adequate supply of pebble lime is essential for the established water softening process at the City's Water Treatment Plant. Graymont Western Lime Inc. has demonstrated the ability to dependably provide this product at a competitive rate.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, awarding a contract for the purchase of 2013/14 pebble lime requirements to Graymont Western Lime Inc. of West Bend, WI in the amount of \$141 per ton for FY 2013/14.