

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY CLARIFIER PAINTING PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City's 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 each year in 2007, 2008, and 2009. This contract award is to repaint the remaining two clarifiers, one primary and one intermediate/final, in the summer/fall of 2010. This is the final year of a four-year project to repaint all eight of the facility clarifiers.

On March 23, 2010, Council approved preliminary plans and specifications and issued a Notice to Bidders for this project. Seven bids were received and opened on April 15. Bids results are as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Odle, Inc.	\$ 241,000
J.R. Stelzer Co.	244,040
L&P Painting	251,461
K&W Coatings, LLC	290,455
Pospisil Painting, Inc.	300,315
TMI Coatings, Inc.	342,000
Superior Industrial Maintenance Co., Inc.	829,304

The engineer's estimate for this project was \$263,000. The 2010/11 CIP and budget includes \$290,000 for the clarifier repainting.

Odle, Inc. of Muncie, Indiana was the apparent low bidder. However, staff is unfamiliar with the qualifications and quality of work provided by this company. Due to quality issues with painting contractors on similar projects, it is critical that staff contact the contractor's references prior to awarding a contract for this project to ensure that the City awards a contract to a company that will provide high-quality work at the best price.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Delay award of the WPC Facility Clarifier Painting Project contract to allow staff adequate time to check contractor references.
2. Award the WPC Facility Clarifier Painting contract to the apparent low bidder, Odle, Inc. of Muncie, Indiana, in the amount of \$241,000.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff is unfamiliar with the qualifications and quality of work performed by the apparent low bidder. Due to past issues with receiving poor-quality work from painting contractors on similar projects, it is critical that reference checks be performed to ensure that the successful bidder is qualified to perform the work under this contract.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council postpone award of the contract for the WPC Facility Clarifier Repainting Project until contractor reference checks are completed and the most qualified contractor determined.