

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT – WINTER & SUMMER TREE TRIMMING

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department requires various tree trimming and stump grinding to be performed during the winter and summer contract periods. The 2011/12 budget includes \$60,000 for this work. The estimated amount needed for the winter tree trimming contract is \$30,000 and the summer tree trimming contract is estimated at \$25,000. That would put the contract at \$55,000, which will leave \$5,000 for other miscellaneous work.

The following bids were received on August 25, 2011:

<u>Bidder</u>	2011/12 WINTER & SUMMER TREE TRIMMING	
	<u>Bid Amount – Winter</u>	<u>Bid Amount - Summer</u>
LawnPro L.L.C.	\$ 34.00/Crew Hour	\$ 39.00/Crew Hour
Dan's Custom Landscapes	\$ 85.00/Crew Hour	\$150.00/Crew Hour
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.	\$ 85.15/Crew Hour	\$ 85.15/Crew Hour
Finco Tree/Wood Service LLC	\$ 99.00/Crew Hour	\$110.00/Crew Hour
J. C.'s Tree Service	\$180.00/Crew Hour	\$199.00/Crew Hour

LawnPro is currently the contractor for the Tree Trimming Program. Their bid prices are the same as they bid two years ago at the same level of service.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve contract for the 2011/12 Winter & Summer Tree Trimming to LawnPro L.L.C., Colo, IA, in the amount of \$55,000.
2. Reject all bids and attempt to purchase tree trimming on an as-need basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Award of this bid will allow the City to continue our program to trim and/or remove right-of-way trees that are or could become a hazard to our citizens.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving award of contract for the 2011/12 Winter and Summer Tree Trimming to LawnPro L.L.C., Colo, IA, in the amount of \$55,000.