

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY 3-YEAR BIOSOLIDS HAULING PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ames Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) produces approximately 30,000 gallons of Class II biosolids each day. Throughout the year, biosolids are stored in the facility's biosolids storage lagoon and secondary digester and ultimately disposed of by land application as fertilizer on city-owned farm ground directly adjacent to the WPCF. The bulk of the land application occurs in the fall after crops have been harvested. However, some land application is performed throughout the year to maintain adequate storage capacity. Primary hauling in the fall is conducted by a contracted hauler and periodic hauling throughout the year is performed by City staff. The previous three-year biosolids hauling contract has expired with all work being successfully completed on time and under budget.

Specifications have been prepared to solicit proposals for a new biosolids hauling contract. **The contract will be a one-year agreement, with up to two additional one-year renewals at the City's discretion. Funding for the first year is included in the FY 2016/17 operating budget at \$100,000.** Subsequent years will also be funded out of the operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant preliminary approval to the plans and specifications and issue a Notice to Bidders, setting March 31, 2016, as the bid due date and April 12, 2016, as the date for public hearing and award.
2. Do not approve plans and specifications at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Disposal of biosolids at the WPC Facility is necessary for uninterrupted operation of the facility and continued compliance with the facility's NPDES permit. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications and issuing a Notice to Bidders for this project.