



Agenda # 15
Commission Meeting Date:
March 20, 2012

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

Item: Construction Contract Award: 20th Street Sidewalks, O.F. 1619.0

From: Engineering Division

Initiated By: Public Works Department / University of Great Falls

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Action Requested: Consider Bids and Award Construction Contract

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission award a contract in the amount of \$59,737.12 to Ironhide, LLC for the 20th Street Sidewalks, O.F. 1619.0, contingent upon Montana Department of Transportation concurrence, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Approve construction contract award.

Background:

Significant Impacts

The University of Great Falls, located at 1301 20th Street South, applied to the City of Great Falls and was awarded a Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) grant to install sidewalk along the west side of its property. This grant comes out of the allocation the City of Great Falls receives annually through the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) CTEP program. The approval of the construction contract is contingent on MDT concurrence to award the contract to Ironhide.

Workload Impacts

City Engineering Staff completed the project design and will perform construction inspection and contract administration duties. City Planning & Community Development Department Staff administers the CTEP program and will assist with project administration duties.

Purpose / Project Work Scope

Approximately 6,900 square feet of 4 and 6-inch thick, 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk will be installed along the University of Great Falls' western property line adjacent to 20th Street South. The sidewalks will extend from 12th Alley South (the southernmost entrance to the

Target Shopping Complex) to 15th Alley South (the southernmost driveway to the University of Great Falls). Currently there is no sidewalk in that location. New handicap ramps will be installed in conjunction with the new sidewalks. These ramps will be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. A grass boulevard will be put in place, and existing irrigation systems will be upgraded.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Nine bids were received and opened for this project on March 7, 2012. The bids ranged from \$59,737.12 to \$83,798.97. One bid was not read due to nonconformance with bidding instructions. Ironhide submitted the low bid and executed all the necessary bid documents.

Conclusion

City staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Ironhide in the amount of \$59,737.12.

Fiscal Impact:

The attached bid tabulation summarizes bids that were received. This project will be funded through CTEP funds and a match by the University of Great Falls. This match is equal to 13.42% of the total dollar amount of the project. For this contract, \$51,720.40 will be Federal grant funds through CTEP and \$8,016.72 would be funded by the University of Great Falls. There will be no expense to the City of Great Falls.

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny award of the construction contract.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Bid tabulation is attached.

