

Item:	Construction Contract Award: Public Works Sanitation and Street Building Addition, O. F. 1455.5			
From:	Engineering Division			
Initiated By:	Public Works Department			
Presented By:	Jim Rearden, Public Works Director			
Action Requested:	Consider Bids and Approve Contract			

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move the City Commission award a contract in the amount of \$561,900.00 to Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc. for the <u>Public Works Sanitation and Street Building Addition, O.F.</u> 1455.5, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents."

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

This project will add 3,406 square feet to the existing sanitation and street building. The addition will house the street and sanitation offices, employee break/meeting room, and locker/wash rooms.

Workload Impacts

Gordon Whirry Architecture (Whirry) was awarded a contract by the City Commission on February 21, 2012 for design services for this building addition. Whirry designed the project, and will perform construction inspection. City engineering staff will perform contract administration duties.

<u>Purpose</u>

The street and sanitation facility was constructed in 1971 for vehicle storage and included a vehicle wash bay. In 1995, the building was remodeled to add offices, a break room, and locker/wash rooms. At the same time the building was expanded for additional vehicle and equipment storage. The offices, break room and locker rooms lack adequate ventilation, exposing occupants to vehicle exhaust and other fumes. Numerous attempts to improve

ventilation and provide relief from the vehicle exhaust fumes in these areas have been unsuccessful. In October 2006, Quality Plumbing and Heating was contracted to provide and install a ventilation and heating system for the Street Division Building complete with carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO2) monitoring control systems. In November 2007, additional CO and CO2 sensors were added and installed in the Sanitation Division and Street Division Buildings. Numerous attempts followed to modify and adjust the ventilation system operation to no avail.

On November 9, 2011, a safety and compliance audit was conducted by the Risk Manager and the Public Works Safety Committee. The audit recommended the offices for the Sanitation and Street Divisions be moved to an area where they are not exposed to the smoke and exhaust from the trucks and equipment. The ventilation system is so bad that the vents in the office areas, break room and locker rooms are black with soot and have to be cleaned monthly. The furnace filters are changed more frequently than normal due to the heavy smoke and exhaust that is forced to go through them. The ceilings and walls are black with soot from the smoke and exhaust. Ashes fall on the staff desks and computers. The new facilities will be physically separated from the existing building to ensure no transfer of air pollution. In essence, it is currently an unsafe work environment.

Project Work Scope

Whirry completed the design, and developed plans and specifications for construction. Whirry will perform construction inspection, which was included in the original agreement.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Three bids were received for this project on June 20, 2012. The bids ranged from \$561,900.00 to \$650,000.00. Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc. (Wadsworth) submitted the low bid and has executed all the necessary documents. Wadsworth is an established and responsible contractor.

Conclusion

City staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Wadsworth in the amount of \$561,900.00.

Concurrences:

Whirry has recommended approval of the selected bidder.

Fiscal Impact:

The attached bid tabulation summarizes bids that were received. The construction will be funded through the Street Maintenance Building Improvement fund and a loan from the Equipment Revolving Schedule Fund. As of July 1, 2012 the street fund will have \$489,575. The balance will be borrowed from the equipment fund.

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny award of the construction contract and re-bid the project, or deny award of the contract.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- 1. Bid tabulation is attached.
- 2. Site Plan and Floor Plan
- 3. Photos

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BID TABULATION SUMMARY

Project Number

Bids Taken at Civic Center Date: 20-Jun-12 Tabulated By: Kari Wambach

OF 1455.5 Sanitation and Street Building Addition

	Name & Address of Bidder	Acknowledge Add. #1	Acknowledge Add. #2	10% Bid Security	Addidavit of Non- Collusion	Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities	Certificate of Compliance with Insurance Req.	Fuel Users Permit #	Total Bid
1	Wadsworth Builders 4601 2nd Avenue North Great Falls, MT 59405	V	٧	v	V	V	V	n/a	\$561,900.00
2	James Talcott 4415 River Drive North Great Falls, MT 59401	V	V	V	V	V	v	n/a	\$602,000.00
3	Sletten Construction 1000 25th Street North Great Falls, MT 59401	V	V	V	v	V	V	n/a	\$650,000.00
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