

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-279  
JULY 1, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
1996 CITYWIDE PAVEMENT RESTORATION PROGRAM	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

**SYNOPSIS —**

On June 25, 1996, the City received bids for the 1996 Citywide Pavement Restoration Program. Only one bid was received from Eco-Tech Contractors. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept this bid.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

The only bid received on this project was in the amount of \$168,250 submitted by Eco-Tech Contractors. Council Communication No. 96-260, dated June 17, 1996, indicated that this project would be funded with 1995-96 Capital Improvements Funds from other projects in the amount of \$250,000. This bid is within the amount specified in the Council Communication.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Award of this construction contract to Eco-Tech Contractors.**

**BACKGROUND —**

Following is staff's response explaining possible reasons for receiving only one bid:

There were a total of four contractors which had requested bidding documents for this project, all of which indicated interest as prime bidders. Only one bid was received.

The Engineering Department contacted the three bidders which had not submitted bids on this project. One bidder indicated that this type of construction would not fit his workload, a second contractor indicated he was too busy to do this type of work which is carried out over a period of months in coordination with Public Works crews, and the third contractor indicated he was too busy to assemble a bid for the project.

The concrete restoration program is a cooperative effort between City crews, who perform the labor-intensive concrete removal, subgrade work, forming, traffic control, and backfill and restoration, with the contractor furnishing placing, sawing, and sealing the portland cement concrete paving patches. This program has been highly successful and has produced square yard costs approximately one-half of that formerly received with the contractor performing all elements of the work.

The Public Works Director reports that the Eco-Tech firm has fulfilled all requirements and has furnished and placed excellent concrete pavement in past contracts. Considering the sole bid is within 10 percent of the estimate, that rebidding would delay construction and, most likely, not furnish additional bidders, staff recommends approval of the single bid.