

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 74

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-093
FEBRUARY 24, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
BOTANICAL CENTER GREENHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

On February 18, 1997, the City received bids for the Botanical Center Greenhouse Roof Replacement. Only one bid was received which was from United Greenhouse Systems, Inc. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The bid received was for \$61,217.44. There is \$65,000 in CIP Account Code 601641, on page 181, for this project. This bid is within the budgeted amount.

RECOMMENDATION —

Award of this construction contract to United Greenhouse Systems, Inc.

BACKGROUND —

The following is the staff's response explaining possible reasons for receiving only one bid:

- This is specialized construction consisting of replacing greenhouse roofs and walls with Lexan panels. Plans and specifications were mailed to three contractors who had expressed an interest in bidding this project. One other contractor picked up plans, but returned them after seeing that the project was specialized and not the sort of work they do.
- Calls were made to the two plan holders who did not submit bids. MDM-Iowa informed us they are a distributor only. Nexus Greenhouse System, Ballwin, Missouri, could not be reached by phone to ascertain why they did not submit a bid.