

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-171  
APRIL 7, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SINGLE BID FOR LIQUID ASPHALT MATERIALS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	KEVIN RIPER FINANCE DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

On March 12, 1997, the City received a single bid for liquid asphalt materials in accordance with specification No. 96-97-22. The bid was compared with bids obtained by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and has been determined to be competitive.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Funding is currently available in the Public Works Department's operating budget for the purchase of approximately \$190,000 of required liquid asphalt materials.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approve the sole bid received from Bituminous Materials and Supply Co., 900 E. Raccoon Street, Des Moines, Iowa, for emulsified asphalt materials.

**BACKGROUND —**

The Public Works Department uses liquid asphalt materials in a variety of preventive maintenance and repair programs including chip and slurry seal, asphalt stabilization, and crack sealing. In addition, the materials are used to control dust on unpaved streets and to prepare paved streets for asphalt overlay.

Specifications for liquid asphalt materials were sent to six companies with one bid received which has been the case during the last three years. The next closest supplier of liquid asphalt materials is located in Omaha, Nebraska. This company has bid in the past, but has never been competitive with the local company because of delivery costs. They stopped bidding in 1993.

The single bid was compared with the bids received for similar materials by the IDOT. It was found that the City's prices were equal to or better than those obtained by the State of Iowa, which have increased less than five percent over last year's prices.