

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-474  
SEPTEMBER 22, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
2100 BLOCK OF WOODLAND EXCAVATION OF LEAD BEARING SOIL	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD SMITH CITY ENGINEER

**SYNOPSIS —**

On September 9, 1997, the City received bids for the 2100 block of Woodland Excavation of Lead Bearing Soil. Only one bid was received which was from Les'Mes Environment Support, Inc. This report explains staff's recommendation to accept the bid.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

The bid received was for \$27,980. There is sufficient funding in Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Account Code 601948, page 187, for this project. This bid is within the budgeted amount.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approve award of this construction contract to Les'Mes Environment Support, Inc.

**BACKGROUND —**

A total of 13 contractors had requested bid documents as prime bidders.

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

- Several contractors indicated they already had a full work load and were too busy to handle another job this year.
- The specifications required the bidder to be trained in a 40-hour course on hazardous material/waste set out by Iowa Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), Division of Labor Services. Very few excavators have this training.
- The job was too small for most contractors to consider.