


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-134	Meeting:	March 25, 2019
	Agenda Item:	54	Roll Call:	19-0518
	Submitted by:	James M. Hoff, Facilities Manager, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Police Academy Firing Range HVAC Improvements: Reject all bids on Police Academy Firing Range HVAC Improvements and to close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because there were only two (2) bids received and the apparent low bid exceeds the estimate by 75.6%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Police Academy Firing Range HVAC Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the installation of an environmentally-controlled air system that maintains temperature and humidity to the police academy firing range area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

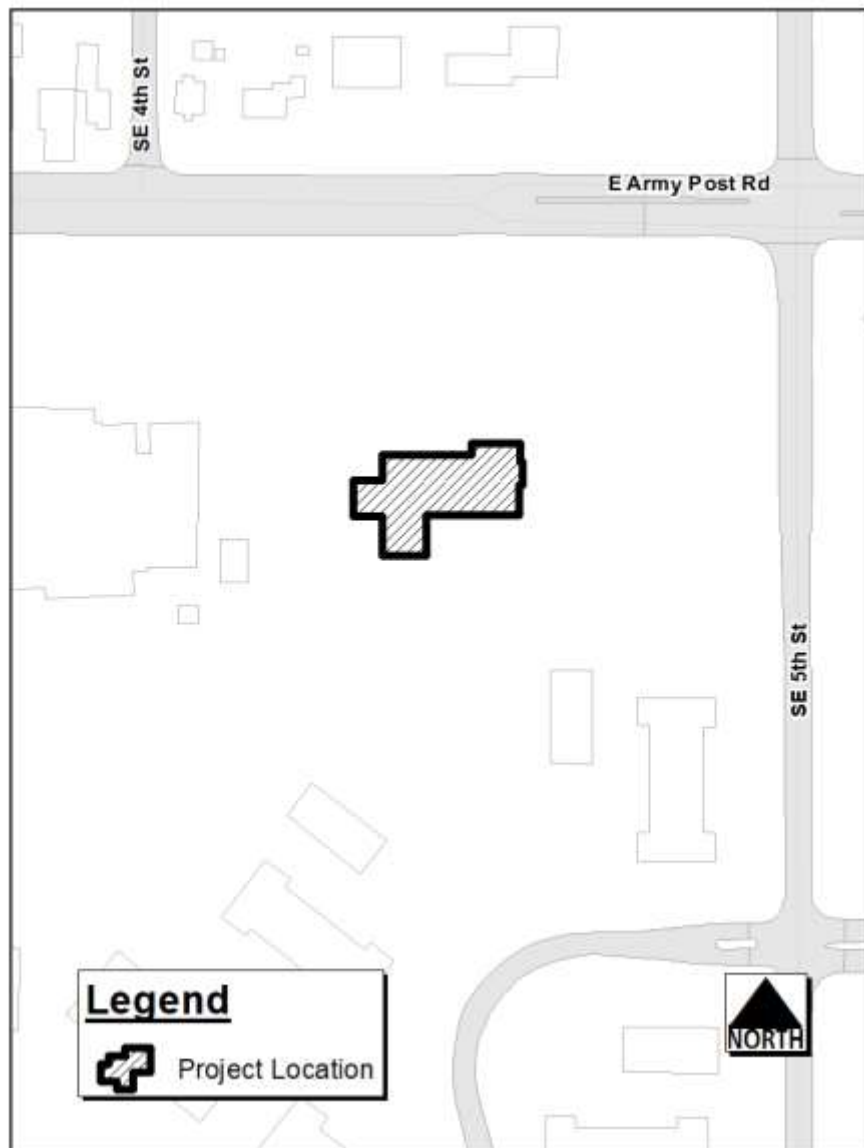
Amount: N/A

Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Building - 9, HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Improvements, BL074, G.O. Bonds to be issued

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On February 11, 2019, under Roll Call No. 19-0187, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Police Academy Firing Range HVAC Improvements. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Police Academy Firing Range HVAC Improvements, 04-2018-004. The improvement includes, including HVAC mechanical systems, electrical connections, structural modifications, roof repair, and utility connections; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 594-041/046, located at 433 E. Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Air-Con Mechanical Corporation, Des Moines, IA
 - Ball Team, LLC, Urbandale, IA

- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on February 26, 2019.
- There were only two (2) bids submitted and the apparent low bid submitted by Air-Con Mechanical Corporation, James M. Shaffer, President, 3121 S.E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50320, in an amount of \$632,187, which was 75.6% over the project estimate of \$360,000, and the other bid was \$812,000 which was 125.6% over the estimate. As a result of follow-up discussions with the contractors, Engineering staff and the design consultant identified an alternate design that is expected to be substantially less expensive. The design consultant has been directed to prepare the alternate design. Therefore, the Des Moines City Engineer recommends rebidding the redesigned project once the revised plans are completed.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 11, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0187](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (D) [Police](#) Academy Firing Range HVAC Improvements: Receiving of bids, (2-26-19), Setting date of hearing, (3-25-19). Engineer's estimate, \$360,000. ([Council Communication No. 19-057](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving of bids in the future.

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