

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT – WASHER GRINDER EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: On February 24, 2015, staff received six (6) bids for the Washer Grinder Equipment Replacement Project. The project consists of the construction/installation of a washer compactor at the City of Porterville Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Engineer's Estimate of probable cost for the construction is \$194,589. The low bid for the project is below the Engineer's estimate of probable cost by 12%. An additional \$17,091.70 is required for construction contingency (10%). It is anticipated that an additional \$8,545.35 is required for construction management, quality control, and inspection services (5%). The total estimated cost for the project is \$196,554.05.

Funding was approved in the 2014/2015 Annual Budget from the Wastewater Treatment Facility Capital Reserve Account.

The bids are as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Smith Construction Company, Inc. Fresno, CA	\$170,917.00
2. Cushman Contracting Corporation Goleta, CA	\$172,500.00
3. Ellison Environmental, Inc. dba Fluid Resource Management Grover Beach, CA	\$179,952.46
4. TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc. Sacramento, CA	\$192,269.00
5. Hobbs Construction Inc. Fresno, CA	\$207,800.00
6. Western Water Constructors, Inc. Sacramento, CA	\$227,000.00

Staff has found the low bid acceptable.

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RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Award the Washer Grinder Equipment Replacement Project to Smith Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$170,917;
2. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs and 5% for construction management, quality control, and inspection services; and
3. Authorize progress payments up to 95% of the contract amount.