

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

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SUBJECT: Polk Street and Madison Street Sewer Replacement Project-CIP Project
P58

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council award the contract in the amount of \$ 149,688 for the Polk Street and Madison Street Sewer Replacement Project (Contract No. C08-28) to McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc., of Livermore, CA.

BACKGROUND

The City Council on December 1, 2008 authorized the City Administrator to invite bids for the Polk Street and Madison Street Sewer Replacement Project. The construction cost had been estimated to be \$288,000 for construction including a 10% contingency. Bids were received on January 20, 2009 for this project. Eleven bids were received. The low bid was received from McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc. in the amount of \$149,688. The bids, listed together with the Engineer's Estimate, are as follows:

McNamara & Smallman Construction, Inc. _____	\$	149,688.00
EPS, Inc. _____	\$	153,042.00
J. Howard Engineering, Inc. _____	\$	167,472.00
Ranger Pipelines, Inc. _____	\$	184,764.00
Darcy & Harty Construction, Inc. _____	\$	192,307.00
KJ Woods Construction, Inc. _____	\$	224,000.00
WR Forde Associates _____	\$	231,480.00
California Trenchless, Inc. _____	\$	239,651.00
Pacific Trenchless, Inc. _____	\$	262,870.00
Precision Engineering, Inc. _____	\$	379,830.00
G.D. Nielson Construction, Inc. _____	\$	344,189.48
Engineer's Estimate _____	\$	288,400.00

DISCUSSION

The Polk Street and Madison Street Sewer Replacement Project - CIP Project P58 is one of the high priority sewers projects due to its current condition. The objective of this project will be to replace approximately 440 feet of sewer mains along the 900 block of Polk Street, approximately 927 feet of sewer mains on Madison St. between Washington and Solano Avenue. The pipe bursting method will be used for both streets. The project also includes the removal, replacement, and repair of six manholes at the locations above, reconnection of the laterals serving the houses, and replacement of the lower laterals from the location of the sewer main to the property line.

ANALYSIS

McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc. has worked with the City of Berkeley, City of San Carlos, and the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District in the past three years and on projects similar to this one, and ranging in price from \$650,000 to \$ 1.5 Million. The references provided by McNamara & Smallman were checked and they all confirmed that they were a capable contractor and good to work with.

Therefore, McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc. is qualified to perform the work of this project. All of the information required to be included in the bid was provided and the bid schedule was completed without omission or error. The bid submitted by McNamara & Smallman Construction Inc. was the lowest responsible bid received for this project, and is within the budget agreed upon by the City Council.

The proposed contract amount, including a ten percent contingency, is within the amount currently budgeted for the project, \$ 288,000 for construction (including 10 % contingency).

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

In recent years, concerns about sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) have become a critical water quality issue in the Bay Area. The San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has established a regulatory program to reduce SSOs from the sewers in the Bay Area. Since 2004, the Regional Board has developed a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) guide for all the sewer collection agencies to follow. This project is aligned with the City's SSMP and its goals to properly manage, operate and maintain all parts of the wastewater collection system minimizing the frequency of SSOs that are a health risk for the City citizens as well as the environmental quality of the Bay.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for this project is available from the surplus funds allocated for P49, East Albany Hill Sewer project, which is 98% complete. The estimated amount available to other sewer projects is approximately \$1,000,000. Thus, adequate funds are available for this project.