



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Departments of Public Works and Procurement**

Date: May 13th, 2014
To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways and Means Committee
Subject: **Approval of Official Publication No. 7925 Bids for Riverside Extension 15th Avenue South/4th Street South Reconstruction Project**

Recommendation:

Acceptance of the single bid of Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc. for an estimated expenditure of \$1,399,627.85 to furnish and deliver all labor, materials and incidentals necessary to complete the Riverside Extension 15th Avenue South/4th Street South Reconstruction Project for the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department, as follows:

Grand Total Bid: \$1,388,627.85

Please refer to the enclosed staff memo for additional information.

Terms are net-30 days F.O.B.: Destination

Further recommend proper Officers be authorized and directed to execute a contract for this project, all in accordance with our specifications.

This has been approved by the Civil Rights Department

Prepared by: Gary Warnberg Director, Purchasing

Approved by: Steven A. Kotke, P.E. Director, Public Works

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): Action is within Budget
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Tabulation of one (1) bid received on Official Publication No. 7925 Bids for Riverside Extension 15th Avenue South/4th Street South Reconstruction Project

Attachments - Staff Recommendation
Tabulation Sheet

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City of Minneapolis – Purchasing
David E. Schlueter, CPPB

**RE: Bid Acceptance for Riverside Ext (15th Ave S and 4th St S)
Reconstruction OP7925**

Mr. Schlueter:

I am recommending Thomas & Sons, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder with grand total bid in the amount of \$1,388,627.85 for the above referenced project. Review of the bid found the unit price summation was found to be consistent with the grand total bid amount.

The Thomas & Sons bid was the sole response to OP7925. The bid is 12.2% below the engineers estimate developed for the project and is consistent with comparable bids submitted this construction cycle. As it is below the engineers estimate, the bid is within the construction costs budgeted for the project. The bid submitted by the also meet the small and under-utilized business program (SUBP) goals for the project.

Thomas & Sons, Inc. has provided construction services for multiple City of Minneapolis reconstruction projects in the past five years and is an experienced civil contractor.

I conducted interviews of prime contractors that had reviewed the plan set to determine if there was an issue with the plans or special provisions that were reflected in the decision not to submit a bid for the project. All contractors indicated that there were multiple other lettings in the time frame (last week of March/first week of April) that required the contractors to make choices for which project to submit a bid. One contractor indicated the scope of work made it difficult for them to achieve the SUBP goals. Another contractor indicated the construction area is confined and maintaining access would be difficult for the project. No contractors stated they would submit a bid if the project were to be rebid.

Based on the review of the bid and the information obtained from the non-bidding consultants, it is my recommendation that the City accept the sole bid for the Riverside Extension (15th Ave S and 4th St S) reconstruction project.

Sincerely,

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