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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Nick Mueller, Community Development

Re: Request to Award Contract #WS-20-17 to SC Concrete

Bids were received for #WS-20-17 S. 8<sup>th</sup>-Washington Street of streetscape enhancements on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Four bidders responded to the request for proposal. Prices ranged from \$68,000 - \$123,000.

We have disqualified Forward Contractors, the lowest price bid for the following reasons:

1. Two references were provided by Forward Contractors upon request. One reference was approximately 3 years old and could only reference work that the respondent himself did while operating another business, not Forward Contractors. The second reference did not have a working number. A follow-up was requested of Forward Contractors and at the time of this correspondence no response has been received.
2. Forward Contractors has worked for the City of Manitowoc last summer, at which time the respondent was abusive and used foul language. He was asked to leave the site. Written record of this incident has been retained and further mention of the respondent not being a good representative of a contractor doing work for the City was also noted.
3. Forward Contractors has worked for the City of Manitowoc and has demonstrated poor workmanship. Written record of this has also been retained.
4. Forward Contractors has worked for the City of Manitowoc in the past and has lagged in responding to punchlist items at the end of contracted work. These items were also demonstration of the original work being of poor quality and not in conformance with the contract documents. Written records of this incident have been retained.

Community Development & Infrastructure Departments recommend awarding the work to the next low qualified / responsible bidder, SC Concrete. Scope of work as defined in the bid documents allotted for the planting of 25 trees and 25 planter boxes. This is an estimated quantity so that all bidders may respond to the same amount of work. Final quantity of work furnished is yet to be determined as these bids were necessary to understand how much the City could afford. Therefore, final bid total will not reflect the final contract amount for SC Concrete but will however fit within 2020 Downtown Approved Budget dollars.