

Department Of
Public Works

Memorandum

To: Christine Huff, Purchasing Agent
From: Kurt Tribbett, Engineering Administrator
CC: Carl Fedders, City Engineer /Assistant Public Works Director
CC: Tad McCrumb, Project Engineer
CC: Christian Allwardt, Engineering Tech III
Date: February 11, 2019
Re: 2019 Lead Service Replacement Program – Contract #2019-028B

Brief Summary:

In June of 2018, the State of Michigan revised the Lead and Copper Rule for suppliers of public drinking water. Part of these revisions require suppliers to inventory their entire system for service pipe material, notification to residences with lead services, and to replace all lead services at an annual rate of at least 5% to obtain total removal of lead services by 2039. Replacement of lead service pipes now include both the public and private owned portions of the service pipe from the water main to the meter inside the home.

In May, the City of Battle Creek received a half million-dollar grant from the State of Michigan for a pilot program aimed at developing practical methods for implementing the revised Lead and Copper Rule. This grant is being used by the Water Department to inventory services, replace public side only lead service pipes, and for emergency repairs of lead service pipes on the public side. This grant can also be used for private contractors to replace lead services.

History/Background:

In an effort to utilize the entire grant within the grant time and to work on private property, the Purchasing Division accepted bids on February 7, 2019 for the 2019 Lead Service Replacement Program. Two companies submitted bids for this project; SWT Excavation of Galesburg at \$340,582.59 and Hunter Prell of Battle Creek at \$311,670.00 per the attached bid tab. Hunter Prell is the low bidder and has done numerous similar construction projects for the City of Battle Creek in the past with excellent results for these projects. Therefore, the Public Works Department recommends that a resolution be prepared awarding the 2019 Lead Service Replacement Program, Contract #2019-028B, to Hunter Prell for \$311,670.00.

Budgetary Considerations:

Please, use the following Business Unit:

591.23.5961.801.310 Water Replacement/Street Program for \$311,670.00.

We are asking that your office prepare a resolution to approve the unit price prevailing contract along with a 5% contingency to address any unforeseen circumstance during construction for action by the City Commission on Tuesday February 19, 2019 City Commission Meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact those copied or myself for any questions or comments.