



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

Date: July 22nd, 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. 7960 for Cedar Avenue Sidewalk & Lighting Replacement Project**

Recommendation:

Acceptance of Thomas & Sons for an estimated expenditure of \$1,297,888.58 to furnish and deliver all labor, materials and incidentals for sidewalk & lighting replacement on Cedar Avenue for the City of Minneapolis Public Works – Transportation Division, as follows:

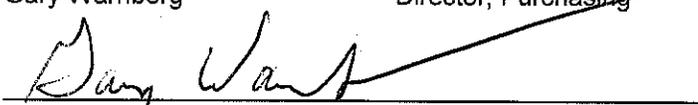
Grand Total Base Bid **\$1,297,888.58**
Please refer to enclosed staff memo for additional information.

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

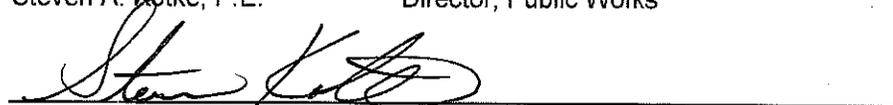
This has been approved by the Civil Rights Department

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

Prepared by: Gary Warnberg Director, Purchasing



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



<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain): Action is within Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p>

Background/Supporting Information:
Tabulation of one bid received on Official Publication No. 7960 Bids for Cedar Avenue Sidewalk & Lighting Replacement Project

Attachments - Staff Recommendation
Tabulation Sheet

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City of Minneapolis – Purchasing
David E. Schlueter, CPPB

RE: Bid Acceptance for Cedar Sidewalk Modification Project OP7930

Mr. Schlueter:

I am recommending Thomas & Sons, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder with grand total bid in the amount of \$1,297,888.58 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.

A primary component of the project funding, a Hennepin County grant of \$747,500, has a sunset date of June 30th, 2015. This limits the available time to complete the project.

The Thomas & Sons bid was the sole response to OP7930. The bid is 11% above the estimated cost for City forces to perform the project. However, City forces are not available to perform the project. The contractor bid is also higher than recent years, but this is reasonable due to the upturn in the local construction projects and because of anticipated challenges in maintaining pedestrian/vehicle access on the corridor, multiple phases, potential areaway conflicts, and coordination with other construction projects in the area.

Four other general contractors pulled plans for the project from QuestCDN and several other potential bidders were contacted to alert them to the project opportunity; therefore, the bidding was conducted under a competitive atmosphere.

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.

Rebidding the project would not allow for construction in the 2014 construction season and would not provide enough time for a contractor to complete the project in the time left available in the Hennepin County grant.

Based on the review of the bid and the above information, it is my recommendation that the City accept the sole bid for the Cedar Ave Sidewalk Modification project.

Sincerely,

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