



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

**Date:** August 12, 2008  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Committee  
**Subject:** **Approval of Official Publication No. 6966 - Bids for Storm Water Treatment Structures**

**Recommendation:**

Acceptance of the low responsive bid of Contech Stormwater Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$70,400.00 to furnish and deliver stormwater treatment structures to Public Works, as follows:

- 1 each Structure No 1 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Uptown Avenue South \$ 35,200.00
- 1 each Structure No. 2 East River Flats Fulton Street SE and East River Parkway \$ 35,200.00

Manufacturer: Contech Stormwater Solutions, Inc.

Terms are net 30 days with delivery 18 days after receipt of purchase order and approved shop drawings.  
F.O.B.: Destination.

**Prepared by:** Gary Warnberg Director, Procurement

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

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approved _____	Not Applicable <u>XXX</u>
Policy Review Group (PRG)	Approved _____	Not Applicable <u>XXX</u>

**Reviews:**

Civil Rights Approval Approved XXX Date July 22, 2008

**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
- Business Plan: X Action is within the plan  Action requires a change to plan
- Request provided to department's Finance Department contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification:	Not Applicable
City Goals:	City's infrastructure will be well maintained
Comprehensive Plan:	Not Applicable
Zoning Code:	Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information:**

Tabulation of two (2) bids received on Official Publication No. 6966 for Storm Water Treatment Structures is attached.

The apparent low bid did not meet the specifications. Please refer to the enclosed Staff Memo.

Attachments - Staff Recommendation  
Tabulation Sheet

cc: R. Ervin  
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M. Taylor



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Surface Water & Sewers  
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June 19, 2008

Re: Official Publication #6966 – Storm Water Treatment Structures

Connie,

I would like to request that the bid for the above mentioned Official Publication be awarded to Contech Stormwater Solutions, Incorporated.

The low bidder, Royal Concrete Pipe, was unable to meet the requirements as described in the bid specifications. In particular the low bidder could not provide actual field test data quantifying clearly the performance equivalences to the example unit. We contacted the low bidder, Royal Concrete Pipe as well as their storm water treatment structure manufacturer, Environment 21, LLC requesting actual field test data. Environment 21 provided documentation on controlled tests but no actual field test data. Although the low bidder was disappointed with the decision, they conceded the bid.

The Surface Water group has reviewed the provided documentation and has deemed it non-responsive to analysis of removal efficiencies with particular ranges of particle sizes.

The highly specialized nature of the product has created difficulties in terms of finding but only limited number of manufactures within the industry. We will continue to work with available local vendors, however at this time only Contech Stormwater Solutions, Inc. has provided third party performance tests showing their conformance to the specification standards.

I feel comfortable that the bid price received from Contech Stormwater Solutions, Inc. is acceptable and not extraordinarily high. We've reviewed our data on prior installations of storm water treatment structures of similar size and have found that the bid price is comparable to the pricing of those structures.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 612-919-2992

Sincerely,

Robert Ervin, P.E.  
Public Works  
Surface Water and Sewers

