

ITEMS REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL
January 12, 2023
(4 Items)

1. 2023 CRACK SEAL (R175-H) -- PUBLIC WORKS

FUNDING -- PUBLIC WORKS

(Request sent to 45 vendors)

RFB #22-0089 S/C # Pending

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| Engineer's Estimate: \$561,732.50 | Conspec, Inc. Kansas Paving | dba | P P & J Construction, Inc. | Scodeller Construction, Inc. |
| 2023 Crack Seal (R175-H) | \$724,727.50 | | \$564,930.50 | \$597,025.60 |
| Bid Bond | Yes | | Yes | Yes |
| No Bid | | L & M Contractors, Inc. | | Unruh Excavating |

On the recommendation of Lee Barrier, on behalf of Public Works, Jennifer Blasi moved to **accept the low responsible and responsive bid from Scodeller Construction, Inc. (Scodeller) in the amount of \$597,025.60.** Brandi Baily seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This project consists of cleaning and filling cracks on 104.5 miles of selected county roads with a hot applied joint sealing compound. Scodeller has not worked with the county in the past, but they are prequalified by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for this type of work and have bid on county work in prior years. Last year, they completed three (3) similar crack sealing contracts for KDOT totaling over \$800,000.00 in work. Public Works is looking forward to developing a working relationship with them.

Notes:

The low responsible and responsive bid exceeds the Engineer's Estimate by 6.3%, which is within the tolerance allowed under K.S.A. 68-521.

Although a lower bid was submitted by P P & J Construction, Inc. it was disallowed as they are not KDOT prequalified for this type of work. In addition, P P & J Construction, Inc. failed to submit all required documents in their bid packet.

Questions and Answers

Brandi Baily: How long does the crack sealing typically last on the roads once it has been applied?

Lynn Packer: Crack sealing will last, depending on the traffic and what route it is on, anywhere from one (1) to probably three (3) or four (4) years. Typically we'll get one (1) to two (2) years out of it, however, most of the bridges we will crack seal will be overlaid either this year or next year with asphalt.

Brandi Baily: In comparison to what we have paid in years past, is this much higher or is it similar?

Lynn Packer: (100% much higher) All of our unit prices across the board for construction are just through the roof. I was very excited to actually see we had as many contract bids come in as we did. Lately the labor shortage just hasn't allowed for it. Even though the lowest responsible bid that we were able to accept was above our Engineer's Estimate by six (6) percent, we believe it is in line with market rates at this time.

Russell Leeds: Just for my education, is it statutory or otherwise required for them to be KDOT prequalified?

Lynn Packer: No. That is a requirement that we have.

Russell Leeds: It is a county requirement?

Lynn Packer: Correct.

Tim Myers: Since we haven't done business with this company in the past, was KDOT satisfied with the work that they provided?

Lynn Packer: Yes, as far as I understand and they are still eligible to bid on those contracts this year.