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To: City Council & Board of Finance

From: Joel Fleming, Project Manager

CC: Steve Goodkind, Director Public Works

Re: Pearl Street Improvements Phase II STP 5000 (16)
Bid Results and Contract Award

The Pearl Street Improvements Project Phase II is being developed through the Local Transportation Facilities (LTF) section of the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). Although the project is managed locally, the use of Federal and State funds requires that permitting, environmental, and right-of-way (ROW) processes follow pertinent Federal and State regulations.

The Department of Public Works Office will act as the Municipal Project Manager (MPM) for the Pearl Street Improvement Project Phase II STP 5000(16). This project is being carried out in conjunction with the engineering divisions of Burlington Public Works and the Burlington Electric Department. The project consists of the reconstruction of the Pearl Street and Church Street Intersection. The total length of the project is 400 LF which includes the intersections of Pearl Street and Church Street and the traffic control system at the intersection of Pearl Street and St. Paul Street. Elements of the construction include installation of signs, landscaping, sidewalks, crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacon system, traffic signals and trees. The construction of these improvements are funded through a Federal Highway Administration Transportation Community and System Preservation grant and administered by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans).

The City of Burlington Public Works opened bids on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 for these street improvements. We received four bidders with lowest responsible bidder being J. Hutchins Inc. with a total project bid price of \$282,386.00. A synopsis of the bid tab is below.

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Bidder	Amount
Wright & Morrissey	\$329,096.00
Ireland	\$573,233.60
Hutchins (low bidder)	\$282,386.00
Weston	\$348,300.00

The total low bid was approximately 8% Higher than the engineer's estimate, which included a 10% contingency. The unit prices of the low bid corresponded well with the estimated unit prices. The intersection street lights item cost from the low bidder exceeded the estimated cost by \$32,000, but was similar to the amount bid by others contractors, suggesting the estimated amount for that item was low.

I have attached more detailed bid results from all bidders for your comparison. I would like to request that the Board of Finance recommend that the City Council authorize Steve Goodkind, Public Works Director to award and execute the contract with to the lowest qualified and responsible bidder, which is Don Weston Excavating with a price of \$282,386.00.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 865-5832 or jfleming@ci.burlington.vt.us.