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To: City Council & Board of Finance

From: Erin Demers, Project Manager

CC: Steve Goodkind, Director Public Works
Kirsten Merriman Shapiro, CEDO, Special Projects

Re: Lower Church Street and St. Paul Street Improvements STP 5000 (16)
Bid Results and Contract Award

The Lower Church Street and St. Paul Street Improvements Project is being developed through the Local Transportation Facilities (LTF) section of the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans). 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 Lower Church St. & Saint Paul St. Improvements 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 Church Street from Main Street to King and Saint Paul Street from Main Street to College Street. The total length of the project is 1035 LF which includes the intersections of Church Street and Main Street, Church Street and King Street, Main Street and Saint Paul Street, and College and Saint Paul Street, which are a significant part of the project. Elements of the construction include grinding, paving, installation of drainage facilities, installation of signs and pavements markings, landscaping, placing all utility facilities under ground, sidewalks, crosswalks, road surface, 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 (VTTrans).

The City of Burlington Public Works opened bids on Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 for these street improvements. We received five bidders with lowest responsible bidder being Don

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Weston Excavating with a total project bid price of \$1,615,111.00. A synopsis of the bid tab is below.

Bidder	Amount
ECI	\$1,924,615.00
Wright & Morrissey	\$1,832,191.50
Ireland	\$1,740,983.00
Hutchins	\$1,664,864.40
Weston (low bidder)	\$1,615,111.00

The total low bid was approximately 6% lower than the engineer's estimate, which included a 5% contingency. The unit prices of the low bid corresponded well with the estimated unit prices. The traffic control item cost from the low bidder exceeded the estimated cost by \$90,000, 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 \$1,615,111.00.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 865-5831 or edemers@ci.burlington.vt.us.