



**AGENDA ITEM FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2015 Water Service Line Repairs**

**SUMMARY:**

- Notice to Bidders for the 2015 Water Service Line Repairs project was published in the Des Moines Register inviting plumbing contractors to bid on service line repairs for the 2015 calendar year.
  - Estimated quantities for the 2015 contract have been lowered again (approximately 15%) based upon decreased number of repairs as the result of a larger number of customers enrolling in the service line warranty program.
  - Specifications and contract documents were taken out by eight prospective contractors, plumbers, subcontractors, and material suppliers. Two bids were received and opened on December 5, 2014. Following is the summary of the bid(s) received:
- | BIDDER                   | TOTAL BASE BID |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Torgerson Excavating     | \$210,280      |
| Drake Construction, L.C. | \$509,160      |
- The engineer's estimate for the project was \$194,000.
  - Staff has noticed that material prices have increased in the last year resulting in higher contract prices than the engineer's estimate.
  - Torgerson Excavating has successfully completed this project for DMWW in the past.
  - Staff recommends the Board award a contract to Torgerson Excavating in the amount of \$210,280.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds for this project will come from the Water Distribution Billed Services Work Plan. Des Moines Water Works will recover these funds by invoicing the property owner who has water service line repairs completed by our contracted plumber.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Award the 2015 Water Service Line Repairs to Torgerson Excavating, in the amount of \$210,280, and authorize the Chairperson and the CEO and General Manager to execute the contract.

**BOARD REQUIRED ACTION:**

Motion to award the 2015 Water Service Line Repairs to Torgerson Excavating, in the amount of \$210,280, and authorize the Chairperson and CEO and General Manager to execute the contract.

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