



MEMORANDUM

TO: ROBERT A. KUNTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: GARY R. KRAMER, P.E., CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DATE: JANUARY 30, 2014
SUBJECT: READY MIX CONCRETE

Ready mix concrete is used for in-house pavement slab, curb and gutter, and sidewalk replacements. Requests for bids were sent to six suppliers. Also, we advertised in the St. Louis Business Journal, Reed Construction Data, Construction Market Data, FW Dodge Reports, and the City's website. Bid specifications are on file at the Public Works Department.

On January 24, 2014 only one bid was received and opened. In 2013 only two bids were received. We contacted the other 2013 bidder, Landvatter Ready Mix, Inc., as to why they did not submit a bid. They replied that they did not receive our request for bids notice. The notice was not returned by the Post Office. We do not recommend rebidding in order to allow Landvatter another opportunity to bid. Valley Material was the low bidder in 2012 and 2013.

The summary of bid received is as follows.

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Slabs (1,050 cy), Sidewalks (300 cy), Total Bid. Rows include Valley Material Company and Budget.

The bid quantities are an estimate only. For comparison, 935.25 cu. yds. and 260.25 cu. yds. were used in 2013 for slabs and sidewalks, respectively. Therefore, the actual quantities ordered will be limited to avoid exceeding available funds.

In addition to the cubic yard unit price, the following alternate bid prices were received.

Table with 4 columns: Item No., Description, Unit, Valley Material Company. Rows A-E list various charges like Demurrage, Calcium Chloride, Retarder, Winter Service, and Short Haul Charge.

* Depends on number of cubic yards.
** Standard mix; high early strength mix

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend awarding this unit price contract, including the alternate bids, to Valley Material Company.