

MEMORANDUM

TO: ERIC HANSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: GARY KRAMER, CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2018
RE: HOT MIX ASPHALT

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend awarding the contract to the second low bidder, Fred Weber, and not accept either alternate bid.

EXPLANATION: Bids were requested from four asphalt suppliers to furnish hot mix asphalt. Delivery is not included, as we purchase small quantities at a time so the asphalt will retain its heat when placed. We advertised in the St. Louis Business Journal, ePlan, and on the City's website. Bid specifications are on file at the Public Works Department. On February 9, 2018 three (3) bids were received and opened. Below the summary of bids received.

	Base Bid (material)	Alt. Bid #1 (concrete debris)	Alt. Bid #2 (asphalt debris)
N. B. West Contracting	\$293,032.50 <small>(Type C: \$41.50 & Type D: \$43.00/ton)</small>	No Bid	No Charge
Fred Weber	\$306,900.00 <small>(Types C & D: \$44.00/ton)</small>	No Bid	No Charge
Simpson Materials	\$313,875.00 <small>(Types C & D: \$45.00/ton)</small>	\$270.00 <small>(\$2.50/ton)</small>	No Charge
Budget	\$354,456.00		

Type 'C' asphalt is primarily used for resurfacing projects.

Type 'D' asphalt is used for potholes and milling/filling concrete joints.

Alternate bid #1 is for the disposal of broken concrete slabs and sidewalks.

Alternate bid #2 is for disposal of broken asphalt.

We discovered that N.B. West closes their asphalt plants beginning sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas and reopens in mid-March. This poses a problem getting asphalt for potholes or when temperatures are suitable for small projects during the winter. With this in mind, we recommend rejecting their bid due to availability issues.