City Council Communication

Department: Community Development Case/Project No.: N/A	Resolution No. 25-_____	City Council: April 7, 2025

Subject/Title

The former Reliance Battery Factory Lead-Contaminated Soil Removal Project Contract Award & Approval

Location

813 22nd Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Background/Discussion

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In 2023, the DNR required the City to enroll into the Land Recycling Program (LRP), which required additional testing on the site as well as on adjacent properties. The City in partnership with their environmental consultant (Eocene Environmental Group, formally Impact 7G) has been completing the required testing and submitting the results to EPA for review. Bidding for the cleanup began on February 25, 2025.

On March 26, 2025, six bids were received from interested contractors for the lead-contaminated soil removal project. The low bid for the project was submitted by D&D Construction Services. for $196,250. The bid has been verified and accepted by staff and Eocene Environmental Group. It is expected that soil removal will begin in late April and be completed no later than July 31, 2025.

The cleanup work includes the following:

- Over-excavation of lead-contaminated soil, backfill and grading, restoration, and seeding of the site located at 813 22nd Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501 (the former Reliance Battery Factory site).
- Approximately 4615 cubic yards will be removed from the site. All lead-contaminated soil areas identified within the demolition limits will be removed and disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations to the strictest standard.
- Associated work shall include placement of clean compacted fill on excavation areas, site security, traffic control and erosion control in accordance with the NPDES General Permit No. 2 “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities” for the over-excavation and restoration project at the site. Stabilized construction entrances will be required and silt fences shall be constructed to stop any sediment from leaving the site.
- After the site is stabilized, the Contractor shall remove the silt fences. Existing inlets shall be protected. Any track out from the site on the City streets shall be removed on a daily basis.

Upon completion of all fill activities the site will be graded, seeded and mulched in accordance to City standards.

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Staff Recommendation

The Community Development Department recommends acceptance of the bid from D&D Construction Services. in the amount of $196,250 for the former Reliance Battery Factory Lead-Contaminated Soil Removal Project.

Attachments

1. Bid tabulation sheet
2. Letter of Recommendation from Eocene Environmental Group

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