

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 6, 2008 AGENDA**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Bid: 2008 Replacement Sidewalk Program	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

A motion has been prepared to award a contract for the 2008 Replacement Sidewalk Program to M & A Cement Work, Inc. of Bensenville, Illinois, in the amount of \$153,033.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Top Quality Village Infrastructure and Facilities*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure Curbs, Gutters, Streets, Sidewalks, Stormwater and Drainage System*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Monies for this work are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Fund. Additionally, the Downers Grove Sanitary District has agreed to contribute up to \$9,000.00 as part of the contract.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the April 22, 2008 Workshop. The Council requested additional information pertaining to the low bidder M & A Cement Work, Inc. and the Council's options for awarding the bid to the second lowest bidder A & R Cement Inc.

The Village of Downers Grove utilized the services of M & A Cement in 1991, and was satisfied with the overall experience. Staff checked references in other communities including Addison, Skokie and Hanover Park. Each of these communities indicated a favorable experience with the vendor. M & A Cement Work, Inc. submitted a bid for the project totaling \$153,033. A & R Cement Inc. submitted a bid for the project totaling \$156,130. The Village has worked with A & R Cement Inc. in the past and has been satisfied with their performance. Pursuant to Section 2.47.4 of the Municipal Code, Council may award contracts to organizations which are not the lowest responsible bidders by a two-thirds majority vote of all Council Members holding office.

Staff recommends award of contract to M & A Cement Work, Inc. on the May 6, 2008 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

This project provides for the replacement of sidewalks with a grade difference of 1-1/8 inches or more as well as repair of cracked sidewalks. This year's project will include 14,500 square feet of sidewalk replacement, intermittent curb replacement, and existing sidewalk ramps upgraded to comply with ADA standards. The project will include a section of new sidewalk located in front of the Sanitary District office on Curtiss Street, as well as removal and replacement of deteriorated colored sidewalk on the west side of Mochel Drive south of Curtiss Street in the Downtown Business District.

A synopsis of the bids is as follows:

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bid</u></b>
M & A Cement Work, Inc.	\$153,033.00
A & R Cement Inc.	\$156,130.00
Strada Construction	\$163,932.50

M & A Cement Work successfully completed work for other Chicago suburban agencies with satisfactory reviews.