

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2003

TITLE: Award of Contract for Storm Damaged Tree Removal Services

DEPARTMENT: Public Works	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A: Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan Bryant-Berry, Purchasing Officer 918-7301 Chris Peterson, Public Works Director 918-7427

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to award a contract for tree work and tree removal services for the Town of Carrboro. The Town received five responses to the Town's request for quotes, and is recommending that the Board award the contract to Five Oaks Builders Inc., from Madisonville, KY.

INFORMATION

The Town of Carrboro requested quotes to provide storm damaged tree removal and storm cleanup response assistance for right of ways and Town owned property. Several North Carolina counties were declared disaster areas because of the effects of the December 4, 2002 winter storm. The Town of Carrboro is located in Orange County, which is one of the counties designated within this disaster area. The Contractor shall provide tree work (removal of hanging limbs, stumps and damaged trees) from specified locations within the Town of Carrboro and dispose of the debris. There are approximately 300 hanging limbs, 6 leaning trees for removal and 19 trees that need to be removed for the safety of the community due to tops broken or dead dangerous trees. This number may decrease depending upon work performed by other agencies (i.e. Duke Power, DOT). The Town is expected to receive up to seventy-five percent reimbursement from FEMA for the contract. The local share may be absorbed within the Public Works budget or funds may come from contingency or fund balance. A budget amendment will be prepared at a later date if Public Works is unable to absorb the cost within its budget.

Reference checks were conducted on the contractor that provided the lowest quote. Based on the reference checks, price per item removed, contractor's ability to begin work and the equipment the contractor has indicated they will use, it is the recommendation of the Town staff that the contract for tree removal services be awarded to Five Oaks Builders for a total combined estimated cost of \$8,870.00. The Town received the following quotes:

Name of Contractor	Hanging limbs / Leaning tree removal / removal damaged trees		
Five Oaks Builders, Inc	\$28.00 ea	\$15.00 ea	\$20.00ea
Ceres Environmental Svcs	\$44.00 ea	\$360.00 ea	\$300.00 ea
MLU Services	\$67.50 ea	\$300.00 ea	\$345.00 ea
Audubon Tree	\$125.00 ea	\$225.00 ea	\$250.00 ea
James Kelly Construction	\$69.00 ea	\$325.00 ea	\$325.00 ea

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution awarding the contract to Five Oaks Builders, Inc. for a combined estimated cost of \$8,870.00.