

**Memorandum
Public Works Department**



To: City Manager
Subject: Blended Anti-Ice Fluid Purchase
Date: September 26, 2014
Number: 2014-203

The City of Rock Island solicited bids for a blended anti-ice product for anti-icing the streets prior to a snowstorm and for applying to the salt during snow removal operations. The product is a blend of salt brine, beet juice, and calcium chloride. Bids were opened on September 23, 2014. Three bids were received:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Blend (brine/beet/calcium)</u>	<u>Price per gallon</u>	<u>Total (20,000 gallons)</u>
Smith Fertilizer Grain	80/10/10	\$.65	\$13,000.00
Ossian, Inc.	80/10/10	\$.70	\$14,000.00
SNI Solutions, Inc.	70/20/10	\$.70	\$14,000.00

All bids were below the budgeted amount of \$1.00 per gallon.

The performance of the 80/10/10 blend is nearly identical to the 70/20/10 blend.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council award the bid to Smith Fertilizer Grain, Inc. in the amount of \$13,000.

Vendor: Smith Fertilizer Grain, Inc.
Payment Amount: \$ 13,000.00
Account Chargeable:
Fund: 101 General Fund
Division: 616 Municipal Services
Cost Center: 307 Snow & Ice Control
Object Code: 52209 Supplies/Adhesive Maintenance

Requisition Number: R004861

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Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager