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Legistar Item: 15-00176

Ald. Jim Kaplan, Chairman  
Public Works and Services Committee  
Racine, WI

Dear Ald. Kaplan:

We have a problem with the Main Street Lift Bridge that needs immediate attention. This winter, it was determined that one of the tip lock guide arms between the two lift portions of the bridge broke off and the guide arm by the other tip lock is cracked with the potential to break off. Being that the Coast Guard requires us to staff and open the bridge by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, we need to move forward on this project as quickly as possible to maintain a safe lift bridge.

The estimated repair cost for this emergency repair is \$100,000 and will be fully reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin from our annual lift bridge expenditure report. Since this project cost exceeds \$25,000, the Purchasing Agent needs to formally publish the advertising for this contract for a 14 day period. Because we are approaching the boating season, we would need to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder when the bids are received in order to complete this project before the boating season. This project entails specialized lift bridge repairs, so there are a limited number of contractors that could provide this service and our intent is to provide all these contractors with the formal bid document.

I am requesting that the Purchasing Agent be authorized and direct to advertise and receive bids for this project and to award it to the lowest responsible bidder on the bid date. We typically bring these bid results before this Committee for formal approval, but since this is an emergency repair, I am requesting that we be authorized to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder on the bid date without further approvals.

Funding for this project is available in Org - Object: 1400740 52200 Main St Bridge - Contracted Services, and this will again be fully reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Eeg".

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