



**Date:** February 5, 2013

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works  
**Subject:** Sidewalk Repairs and Curb Ramps SW-29

### **Executive Summary**

On January 22, 2013, bids were opened for Contract SW-29: 2013 Sidewalk Repairs and Curb Ramps. This contract consists of sidewalk removal and repairs as well as new curb ramp construction at various locations throughout the City of Durham. The lowest responsive responsible bid was submitted by Browe Construction Company, Incorporated, of Clayton, North Carolina. The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Browe Construction Company, Incorporated for Contract SW-29 in the amount of \$685,412.50 with a contingency of \$102,811.88 (15%). This results in a total cost amount of \$788,224.38.

### **Recommendation**

The Administration recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for SW-29: 2013 Sidewalk Repairs and Curb Ramps project with Browe Construction Company, Incorporated, of Clayton, North Carolina in the amount of \$685,412.50 and establish a contingency fund in the amount of \$102,811.88 (15%), resulting in a maximum total project cost of \$788,224.38.

### **Background**

The SW-29: 2013 Sidewalk Repairs and Curb Ramps project provides for the removal and replacement of existing damaged sidewalk at various locations throughout the City of Durham. The project also provides for the construction of new curb ramps. Funding for contract SW-29 is available from 2007 Sidewalk Bond funds.

### **Issues/Analysis**

The following is a summary of bids received:

Browe Construction Company, Incorporated	\$685,412.50
SBC Contracting, Incorporated	\$843,701.00
Triangle Grading and Paving	\$857,312.50
Barnhill Contracting	\$1,300,872.50

The Public Works Department recommends awarding Contract SW-29 to Browe Construction Company, Incorporated in the amount of \$685,412.50.

**Alternatives**

The Council can choose to not proceed with this project and redirect the funding to another project. The Council can award the project since the bids received are competitive.

**Financial Impact**

Funds for this project are budgeted for in the following accounts:

2007 Sidewalk Bonds Construction	3610L912-731000-LF104	\$685,412.50
2007 Sidewalk Bonds Contingency	3610L912-731900-LF104	<u>\$102,811.88</u>
Total		\$788,224.38

**SDBE Summary**

The Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department reviewed the bid submitted by Browe Construction Company, Incorporated, of Clayton, North Carolina to determine compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting. The goals for this project are MSDBE 18% and WSDBE 7%. It was determined that Browe Construction Company, Incorporated was in compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

**SDBE Requirements**

Browe Construction Company, Incorporated is a North Carolina Department of Transportation Certified DBE and WBE and will perform 76% of the work, which is equal to \$520,913 of the base bid. They will subcontract to the following certified firm:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Contract</b>
Double R Concrete Finishing	MSDBE	Durham, NC	\$123,400	18%

The MSDBE and WSDBE goals were both met and the WSDBE goal was exceeded.

**Workforce Statistics**

The workforce statistics for Browe Construction Company, Incorporated are as follows:

Total Workforce	34	
Total Females	2	6%
Total Males	32	94%
Black Males	4	12%
White Males	9	26%
Other Males	19	56%
Black Females	0	0%
White Females	2	6%
Other Females	0	0%