



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2024
To: Snohomish County Council
From: Douglas McCormick, P.E., County Engineer *DWM*
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Subject: Bid No. PW24-0301 Swamp Creek Bridge #503 Replacement

Bid No. PW24-0301 for the Swamp Creek Bridge #503 Replacement project was opened on December 17, 2024. Ten (10) contractors participated in the bidding process. Public Works is proposing to move forward with the lowest responsive bid, which is \$3,958,000.00 and 26.84% above the engineers estimate of \$3,120,352.50.

SCC 3.04.165 (Estimates) requires supporting justification and the approval of the council on written motion to award a public works construction contract when the bid exceeds the estimate by more than ten percent (10%).

Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder after reviewing the bids and based on the following justifications.

1. WSDOT has approved additional construction funds for the increased amount and providing 100% federal aid funding for the bridge replacement work (Group 1 of the contract).
2. The road funded portion of the project (Group 3 of the contract) will be increased by \$2,000. Public Works has available budget to cover the increase.
3. The results of the bid opening have been shared with Alderwood Water and Wastewater District (Group 2 of the contract), and they concur with moving forward with award.
4. Bid opening date was extended to encourage more bidders to participate.
5. The project was advertised early to assure companies were not already contracted for the spring and summer of 2025 and have adequate time to order long-lead time items such as the precast concrete girders.
6. The lowest responsive bid is 26.84% above the engineers estimate and is below the average of all ten bids at 32.68% above the engineers estimate. If we decide to not award and re-bid, we are not assured to get a more favorable bid.
7. We have available staff to support construction in 2025.