



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2024
From: Douglas McCormick, P.E., County Engineer *DWM*
TO: Snohomish County Council
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Subject: Bid No. PW24-008SB Red Bridge #537 Preventative Maintenance

Bid No. PW24-008SB for the Red Bridge #537 Preventative Maintenance project was opened on October 29, 2024. Two contractors participated in the bidding process. The lowest bid is \$2,704,110.00 and 13.69% above engineers estimate \$2,378,585.00.

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% grant funding.
2. This project requires specialty work (lead removal and bridge painting) and there are few contractors in Washington that perform this work.
3. Due to the specialty work the estimate used the few recent available WSDOT projects for comparison. However, none was exactly similar to our bridge's truss span and location, and best engineering judgement was used for the estimate.
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.
6. Lowest bidder is 13.69% above engineers estimate and the two bidders are within 5% of each other. 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.