



# CITY OF APPLETON

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TO: Finance Committee

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DATE: 04/06/2026

**RE: Action: Award the 2026 Appleton Wastewater Tunnel Painting Project contract to Howard Grote & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$189,985 with a contingency of 5 percent for a project total not to exceed \$199,484.**

## **BACKGROUND**

The 2026 Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant operating budget includes funding to paint various areas within the facility. This project includes surface preparation and painting of tunnels 1 & 9 (F-K Tunnel). The existing coating system is deteriorating and requires recoating to maintain structural integrity and protect the underlying surfaces. If not addressed, continued coating deterioration will accelerate structural degradation and increase long term maintenance costs.

## **BID RESULTS**

The bids were received as follows:

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| • <b>Howard Grote &amp; Sons, Inc. (low bid)</b> | <b>\$189,985</b> |
| • Porta-Painting                                 | \$329,500        |
| • All-Tech Coatings                              | No Bid           |
| • Bosk Paint and Sand Blasting                   | No Bid           |

The project was competitively solicited, and the results reflect current market conditions for specialized coating work within a wastewater treatment environment.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The City's consulting engineer provided a formal recommendation to award the contract to Howard Grote & Sons, Inc. The Parks and Recreation Department has reviewed the bids and concurs with the engineer's recommendation.

Therefore, staff recommends awarding the contract to Howard Grote & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$189,985, with a contingency of 5 percent to be utilized as needed, for a total project cost not to exceed \$199,484.

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