



**CITY OF LOVELAND**  
**WATER & POWER DEPARTMENT**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 4  
**MEETING DATE:** 11/19/2014  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Kathleen Porter, Field Engineer Supervisor,

**TITLE:** Annual Approval of Directional Bore Bid *Kathleen Porter*

**DESCRIPTION:**

For the Water and Power Department when a construction bid exceeds \$500,000, by the City's Municipal Code a contract above this threshold can be approved by the LUC. The City Council can also approve construction contracts above \$500,000. When contract approval occurs by the LUC in most circumstances a recommendation is made for the City Manager to also sign the construction contract.

The Department of Water & Power reviewed the Annual Power Directional Bore Bid. The directional bore bid allows contractor augmentation of city crew efforts to install underground conduit systems, street light wires, streetlights and vaults. After consideration of the excellent work being done by our current contractor during 2014 and prior years, and the fact that the contractor was the sole bidder for 2015, and that the unit prices offered were quite reasonable when compared to last year's prices, the decision was made to recommend awarding this bid to Jacobs Investments, LLC, dba Colorado Boring, Company.

**SUMMARY:**

Each year there are many opportunities to use the directional bore contract for extension projects and underground installations that occur as a result of development, capital construction, emergencies and maintenance. This year we anticipate expenditures of approximately \$1,000,000 for small capital projects, 600-amp development-driven extensions, overhead to underground conversions, and development growth. This \$1,000,000 total is approximately what we experienced last year. The contractor was informed of the city's intent to make this contract for up to \$1,000,000 but the city does not guarantee that there will be that much work available. The \$1,000,000 contract amount is budgeted within several capital projects, maintenance and development-driven projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission make their recommendation to the City Manager for the approval of Jacobs Investments, LLC, dba Colorado Boring, Company as the Annual Directional Bore Contractor and the contract in the amount of \$1,000,000, and authorize the City Manager to sign the construction contract.

**REVIEWED BY DIRECTOR:**

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