

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager

SUBJECT: Lower Platte River Weed Management Project Aerial Spraying Bid

DATE: August 5, 2008

The work consists of aerial application of habitat herbicide to vegetated islands in the stream bed of the reach of the lower Platte River extending from the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge (downstream of Nebraska State Highway 77) to the confluence of the Platte and Missouri Rivers. The work includes the furnishing of the labor, materials, equipment, tools and incidentals necessary to apply herbicide, by aerial application, on approximately one thousand acres of vegetated areas in the project area. The overall goal of the project is to proactively control the growth and spread of noxious weeds in the project area, specifically, invasive species such as phragmites which can contribute to ice jam formation and ultimately flooding, in addition, to altering the natural stream flow of the river. A bid summary is attached for your consideration. The sole bidder and apparent low bidder is Sky Copters, Inc

This work will be funded via funds included in Water Quality Lower Platte Vegetation Management Budget (Account 0500-4451), in addition to funds from Lower Platte North NRD, Lower Platte South NRD, Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster and Saunders County Weed Management Authorities and private landowners in the project area. This project will be completed in the late summer and early fall of 2008.

It is Management's recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for aerial application of one thousand acres of vegetated areas in the project area with Sky Copters Inc. for their total base bid of 150.70 per acre.

Summary of Bid Proposals

Project: Lower Platte Weed Management Project

Opening Date: August 4, 2008

Opening Time: 2:00 p.m.

Bidder Name:

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Sky Copters					
1. Aerial Application (per acre)	84.75				
2. Habitat Herbicide (per gallon)	126.60				
3. Surfactant – MSO (per gallon)	10.60				
4. Total Base Bid (1 thru 3) (per acre bid)	\$150.70				
Bid Bond (5%)	Yes				

*Apparent Low Bidder is Sky Copters, Inc.

Engineer's Estimate: \$200.00 per acre