



**Rochelle Municipal Utilities  
Administration**

## Memo

**To: Meggon McKinley**  
**From: Edward G. Carr, General Manager**  
**Date: March 4, 2011**  
**Re: First Avenue Lift Station Upgrade**

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The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) approved the City's grant application in the amount of \$720,000 in May 2009. RMU intends to convert the First Avenue lift station from a wet/well dry/well station to a submersible lift station and construct approximately 626 feet of sanitary trunk sewer.

An engineering agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates for design and construction services of the project was approved by City Council in August 2009. The one and only bid received in July 2010 was rejected in hopes that more competitive bids would be received.

Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on March 3, 2011 and six bids were received. Four of the six bids were less than the engineer's estimate of \$817,390.

Matt Hansen, Willett Hofmann & Associates and RMU staff has reviewed the bids and confirmed that Fischer Excavating of Freeport is the apparent qualified low bidder. Our recommendation is for the City Council to accept the low bid from Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$720,130.26.

Please place this item on the 14 March 2011 City Council Agenda.