

## **Pownal Select Board awards sewer work**

ANDY McKEEVER, Staff Writer

Article Launched: 03/03/2008 03:37:42 AM EST

Monday, March 3

POWNAL — The Select Board awarded the final contract for the \$27 million sewer project to J.P. Sicard Inc., of Barton on Thursday. Contract 2C will install sewer lines to the west of the Hoosic River at the company's bid of \$1.265 million, finishing the project a year ahead of schedule.

According to Rob Garofano of the project's engineering firm, Forcier, Aldrich & Associates, there were four bids for the contract and Sicard was the lowest by approximately \$200,000.

"We contacted numerous references and they're capable of handling it," said Garofano.

Five references were contacted and they all reported that Sicard is experienced and finishes the job on time and on budget, said Garofano. The company also has sufficient financial backing, he said.

The starting date is yet to be determined but is projected to be complete during this year. The final contract was originally projected to be completed in 2009, but being ahead of schedule allowed FA&A to consolidate contracts 2A and 2B. Contract 2B was originally scheduled for 2008 with 2C in 2009.

The sewer project began in 1996 with a feasibility study and broke ground in 2004. Then, the entire project was estimated to cost \$18 million but that price has fluctuated and the town is confident that \$27 million is the final number. Residents are currently paying for a \$2 million bond for it and the remaining \$25 million was paid with grants.