



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Council Session

Item G-12

#2016-98 - Approving Purchasing/Buying Group for all City Departments (The Cooperative Purchasing Network)

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Marvin Strong PE, Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineer

Meeting: April 26, 2016

Subject: Approving Purchasing/Buying Group for all City Departments (The Cooperative Purchasing Network)

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

Grand Island City Council amended the City's purchasing/procurement policy to allow the use of buying groups. The Grand Island Public Works Department would like to utilize The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) buying group to facilitate lower purchase costs of nuts, bolts, and other hardware to aid in maintenance; as well as chemicals used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and other facility type supplies. Initially this would be used as a budgeting tool because each type of item has a list of manufacturers and their submitted prices, including options.

Discussion

The Public Works Department requests the City of Grand Island join The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) buying group to facilitate future purchases. The buying group is free to join and there is no obligation to buy. The buying group is used by government and non-profit corporations to make purchases of specialty equipment. Goods and services are competitively solicited for commonly purchased products and services.

There would be some overlap with the State of Nebraska contracts but there are commodities and equipment that the State of Nebraska does not purchase through contracts that match our needs or specifications. The joint purchasing venture specifies a variety of sizes and models for each type of equipment so we would be able to find a closer match to our needs/restrictions.

The City's Legal Department has reviewed this group and it complies with City Code purchasing requirements.

By joining The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), the Public Works Department and other City departments will be able to utilize this buying group for future purchases.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the use of The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) as an authorized buying group.

Sample Motion

Move to allow The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) to be added to the list of approved buying groups or vendors for future purchases.

RESOLUTION 2016-98

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island amended the City purchasing policy to allow the use of buying groups on May 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2013, by Resolution No. 2013-193 the City Council approved adding Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to the list of buying groups; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2103, by Resolution No. 2013-368 the City Council approved adding Admin Minnesota Materials Management Division to the list of buying groups; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) is another buying group used by government agencies; and

WHEREAS, joining The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) is free of charge and offers increased buying power to the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Public Works Department and all other City departments would have the option of utilizing this buying group for upcoming purchases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City be authorized to join The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) and authorizes the Mayor to sign the contract for entry.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 26, 2016.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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| Approved as to Form | ☐ _____ |
| April 22, 2016 | ☐ City Attorney |