



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Council Session

Item G-12

**#2018-67 - Approving Bid Award - Transmission Circuit Breaker
Inspection Services**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting: March 13, 2018

Subject: Rescinding of Resolution 2018-50 and award of
Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services,
Contract #18-PCC-01

Presenter(s): Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Grand Island electric system utilizes eight 115,000 volt substations at various locations around the City and a 115,000 volt transmission loop to provide reliable power to the City. These substations contain, among other components, transmission circuit breakers that interrupt power to a transmission line when trouble on that line occurs. Ninety-five percent of the circuit breakers are at least fifteen years old. Manufacturers recommend performing an internal inspection of the breakers based upon the number of operations. Records indicate that they are due for that inspection.

Due to the concern of introducing contaminants into the breakers as well as creating gas leaks by physically opening them up, the industry has moved to a radiological inspection that essentially x-rays the internal components. Technicians with specialized software can then determine if the breakers are in need of additional maintenance.

On February 27, 2018, Council approved Resolution 2018-50 awarding a contract for Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services to Power Delivery Services, Inc. Power Delivery Services, Inc. (also known as PDS, Inc.), in Omaha is the authorized regional representative of ABB, Inc. In preparing the contract documents for execution, it became apparent that the resolution authorizing the contract award should have designated ABB, Inc., as the contractor instead of Power Delivery Services, Inc.

Discussion

Based upon discussions with the Legal Department, City administration recommends rescinding Resolution 2018-50 and awarding the bid for Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services to ABB, Inc., Mount Pleasant, PA in the amount of \$76,641.00 as the lowest responsible bid received.

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 a future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council rescind Resolution 2018-50 and approve the bid for Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services to ABB, Inc., Mount Pleasant, PA, in the amount of \$76,641.00.

Sample Motion

Move to rescind Resolution 2018-50 and approve the bid for Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services to ABB, Inc., Mount Pleasant, PA, in the amount of \$76,641.00.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: February 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services #18-PCC-01
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$200,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: January 17, 2018
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 6

SUMMARY

Bidder: Power Delivery Services, Inc. representing ABB, Inc.
Omaha, NE
Bid Security: Westchester Fire Insurance Co.
Exceptions: Noted

Bid Price:
Inspections: \$62,631.00
Mobilization: \$14,010.00
Sales Tax: ----
Total: \$76,641.00

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
William Clingman, Interim Finance Director
Travis Burdett, Assist. Utilities Director

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RESOLUTION 2018-67

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Power Delivery Services, Inc., of Omaha, Nebraska, an authorized regional representative of ABB Inc., submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$76,641.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Power Delivery Services, Inc., was approved by Council Resolution #2018-50 on February 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the bid award should contractually be with ABB, Inc., of Mount Pleasant, PA instead of Power Delivery Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Resolution #2018-50 awarding the bid to Power Delivery Services, Inc., be rescinded and the bid of ABB, Inc., Mount Pleasant, PA, in the amount of \$76,641.00, for Transmission Circuit Breaker Inspection Services, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 13, 2018.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☒ _____
March 14, 2018 ☒ City Attorney