



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Council Session

Item G-17

#2021-103 - Approving Bid Award for Integrated Library System (ILS)

Staff Contact: Celine Swan

Council Agenda Memo

From: Celine Swan, Library Director

Meeting: April 27, 2021

Subject: Approving Bid Award for Integrated Library System at Grand Island Public Library

Presenter(s): Celine Swan, Library Director

Background

Since 2011, Grand Island Public Library has been part of the Nebraska Pioneer Integrated Library System (ILS) Consortium utilizing the Progressive Federal Technology Systems (PTFS) Koha ILS (2011-2020) and after a product upgrade in May 2020 by PTFS to their Bibliovation ILS.

Integrated Library Systems are a crucially necessary software system that manages all operational aspects of library service including circulation, cataloging/inventory, patron, acquisitions, and accounting of library fees and fines assessed. Fully automated ILS systems are also a requirement of the Nebraska Library Commission and Institute of Museum and Library Services for library accreditation to be eligible for state and federal grant award money.

Due to both unacceptable performance issues with the Bibliovation ILS and the impending dissolution of the Pioneer Consortium, it was necessary for Grand Island Public Library to evaluate replacements for the current ILS to continue providing service to library patrons and remain eligible for grant money.

Discussion

Specifications for replacement ILS software were advertised for bid in accordance with City Purchasing Code. Bids were publically opened on April 13, 2021. Bidders were:

- Biblionix, Inc. – Austin, Texas
- Equinox Initiative – Norcross Georgia
- Innovative Interfaces, Inc. – Emeryville, California
- Insignia Software – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- The Library Corporation (TLC) – Inwood, West Virginia
- SirsiDynix – Lehi, Utah

After thorough software demonstrations and reviews of submitted RFP bids by the Library selection committee, it was determined that only three bidders met enough of the outlined specifications of RFP for full consideration: The Library Corporation, SirsiDynix, and Innovative Interfaces. Upon further discussion with the committee and a check of provided references, the Library recommends awarding the winning bid to The Library Corporation.

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 award The Library Corporation of Inwood, West Virginia, the lowest-responsive bidder of the three passing bids, for five years of service, in the amount of \$96,225.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the bid in the amount of \$96,225.00 from The Library Corporation of Inwood, West Virginia, for the Grand Island Public Library Integrated Library System.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR
INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (ILS)**

RFP DUE DATE: April 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT: Library

PUBLICATION DATE: March 24, 2021

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

PROPOSALS RECEIVED

SirsiDynix
Lehi, UT

Innovative Interfaces
Emeryville, CA

Biblionix, LLC
Austin, TX

Equinox Open Library Initiative
Norcross, GA

The Library Corporation
Inwood, WV

Insignia Software's
Edmonton, AB, Canada

cc: Celine Swan, Library Director
Jerry Janulewicz, City Administrator
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

Shaun Klee, Technical Services Librarian
Patrick Brown, Finance Director

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RESOLUTION 2021-103

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Public Library invited RFP bids for an Integrated Library System Replacement, according to plans and specifications on file with the Library; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2021, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, The Library Corporation (TLC) of Inwood, West Virginia, 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 \$96,225.00 for a five-year service contract; and

WHEREAS, the bid of The Library Corporation (TLC) fully met the requirements for the RFP, and was the lowest bid of all passing bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of the Library Corporation in the amount of \$96,225.00 for the Library's Integrated Library System, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 27, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
April 23, 2021	☒ City Attorney