



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Council Session

## Item G-4

**#2021-202 - Approving Bid Award - Cooling Tower Repair at  
Platte Generating Station - Fall 2021**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Stacy Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

**Meeting Date:** August 24, 2021

**Subject:** Cooling Tower Repair-Fall 2021

**Presenter(s):** Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## **Background**

The cooling tower at the Platte Generating Station was constructed as part of the original plant nearly 40 years ago and is utilized by the circulating water system which condenses the steam exiting the turbine generating unit. It is a wooden structure with fiberglass and PVC components. It is regularly inspected to maintain its structural integrity. The asbestos louvers and casing panels were replaced with new fiberglass components in 2012. Recent inspection by consultants and plant staff indicate that several components need repair and replacement. Specifications for the repair were developed by plant staff and issued for bid in accordance with City procurement requirements.

## **Discussion**

Specifications for the Cooling Tower Repair-Fall 2021 were advertised and issued for bid in accordance with the City Purchasing Code. Bids were publicly opened on August 10, 2021. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$300,000.00.

Bidder	Bid Price	Adjustments	Adjusted Bid Price
Cooling Tower Depot, Inc. Golden, Colorado	\$239,820.00	\$0.00	\$239,820.00
EvapTech, Inc. Edwardsville, Kansas	\$277,790.00	\$16,400.00	\$294,190.00

The bids were reviewed by plant engineering staff and exceptions were noted with both bids. The exceptions were addressed, and the bid from Cooling Tower Depot, Inc., was otherwise found compliant with the specifications and less than the engineer's estimate.

## **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 Council award the Contract for the Cooling Tower Repair - Fall 2021, to Cooling Tower Depot, Inc. of Golden, Colorado, as the low responsive bidder, with the bid in the amount of \$239,820.00.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the bid in the amount of \$239,820.00 from Cooling Tower Depot, Inc., for the Cooling Tower Repair - Fall 2021.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** August 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
**FOR:** Cooling Tower Repair – Fall 2021 PGS  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**ESTIMATE:** \$300,000.00  
**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** July 27, 2021  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 2

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Cooling Tower Depot, Inc.</u></b> Golden, CO	<b><u>EvapTech, Inc.</u></b> Edwardsville, KS
<b>Bid Security:</b>	<b>Federal Insurance Co.</b>	<b>Travelers Casualty &amp; Surety Co.</b>
<b>Exceptions:</b>	<b>Noted</b>	<b>Noted</b>
<b>Bid Price:</b>		
<b>Material:</b>	<b>\$100,664.00</b>	<b>\$ 92,420.00</b>
<b>Labor:</b>	<b>\$131,605.00</b>	<b>\$177,210.00</b>
<b>Sales Tax:</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,551.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,160.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$239,820.00</b>	<b>\$277,790.00</b>

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Jerry Janulewicz, City Administrator  
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent  
Karen Nagel, Utilities Secretary

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.  
Patrick Brown, Finance Director  
Tylor Robinson, Production Engineer

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## RESOLUTION 2021-202

WHEREAS, recent inspections of the cooling tower at the Platte Generating Station by consultants and plant staff indicate that several components need repair and replacement; and

WHEREAS, the City Utilities Department invited sealed bids for the Cooling Tower Repair - Fall 2021, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, bids were received, opened, and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Cooling Tower Depot, Inc., of Golden Colorado 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 \$239,820.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Cooling Tower Depot, Inc., is less than the estimate for the Cooling Tower Repairs - Fall 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Cooling Tower Depot, Inc., in the amount of \$239,820.00, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 24, 2021.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 20, 2021	☐ City Attorney