



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Council Session

Item G16

#2003-314 - Approving Bid Award - Tree Trimming Project 2004-TT-1

Background:

The maintenance of clearance between trees and power lines is very important to maintain the safety and reliability of the electric distribution system. Over the years, as trees grow, the maintenance of this clearance has become increasingly difficult and expensive. Last year over 2,000 trees were clearance trimmed using utility crews and contractor labor; with costs in excess of \$200,000. Contract 2004-TT-1 was prepared for bidding by private contractors for 2004 clearance work.

The contract consists of furnishing all labor, tools, and equipment to trim trees from around electrical power lines throughout the City. In order to achieve the best price and expedite the work, the project was divided into seventeen (17) sections. A map showing all of the project areas is attached.

Discussion:

The City may select any or all sections to be awarded in this Contract, and may award to a single Contractor for all sections, or award to multiple Contractors by individual section, whichever provides for the best overall contract price.

The project was publicly advertised and specifications were sent to eight (8) potential bidders. Two bids were publicly opened at 11:00 am on October 14. A third bid was not considered. It was rejected, in accordance with City procurement codes, because it was received after the published bid opening time, and after the other bids had been read. A tabulation of the two (2) bids valid bids are listed below:

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SECTION Tree Service Tree Service
Section 1 No Bid \$17,150.00
Section 2 No Bid \$24,225.00
Section 3 \$4,100.00 \$5,625.00
Section 4 \$6,500.00 \$19,875.00
Section 5 \$4,800.00 \$8,040.00
Section 6 No Bid \$28,730.00
Section 7 \$4,200.00 \$18,150.00
Section 8 \$7,400.00 \$18,900.00

Section 9 \$4,600.00 \$10,200.00
Section 10 No Bid \$20,775.00
Section 11 \$6,500.00 \$6,960.00
Section 12 \$4,500.00 \$12,375.00
Section 13 \$3,800.00 \$16,125.00
Section 14 \$4,500.00 \$9,025.00
Section 15 \$7,600.00 \$17,160.00
Section 16 \$5,800.00 \$19,500.00
Section 17 No Bid \$15,450.00

Recommendation:

To provide the best project value, it is recommended the Council award sections: 1, 2, and 17 to Wright Tree Service, Inc. of Des Moines, IA in the amount of \$56,825.00; and award sections: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, and 16 to Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$44,900.00. Section 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 will not be awarded.

Fiscal Effects:

The combined total of the lowest recommended bids is \$101,725.00. All bids are without exceptions, meet all City contract requirements, and are below the engineer's estimate of \$150,000.00. Funds are available for the tree trimming work in Utilities Department Enterprise Fund 520.

Alternatives:

Do not award the contract. See attached RESOLUTION.

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Dale Shotkoski



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: October 14, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Tree Trimming Project 2004-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: Enterprise 520
PUBLICATION DATE: September 24, 2003
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 8

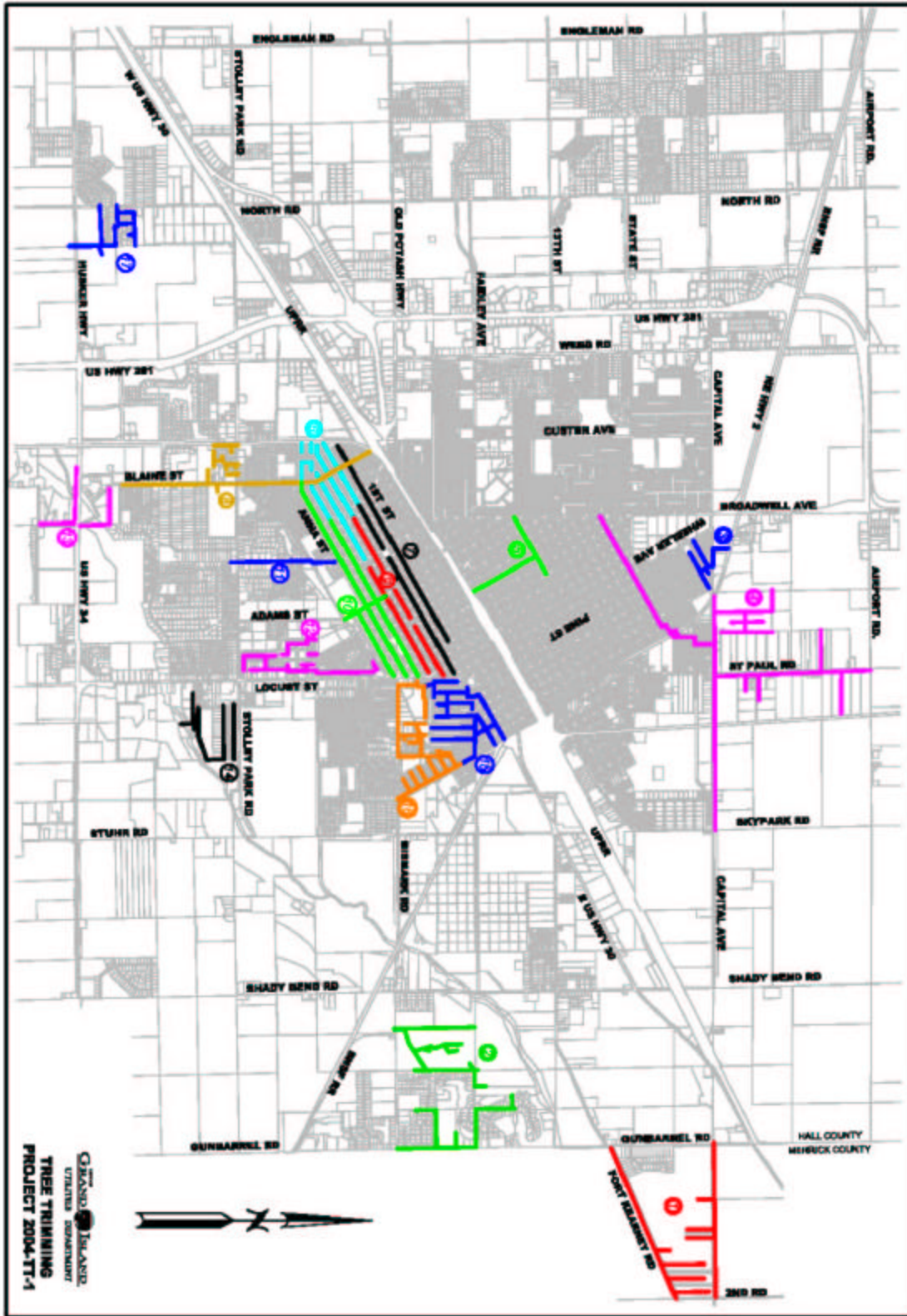
SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Wright Tree Service, Inc.</u> Des Moines, IA	<u>Sheffield Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Merchants Bonding Co.	Western Surety Co.
Exceptions:	None	None
Bid Price:		
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Section 2:	24,225.00	No Bid
Section 3:	5,625.00	\$4,100.00
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Section 11:	6,960.00	6,500.00
Section 12:	12,375.00	4,500.00
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Section 15:	17,160.00	7,600.00
Section 16:	19,500.00	5,800.00
Section 17:	15,450.00	No Bid

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Bob Smith, Assistant Utilities Director
Ray Micek, Utilities Department
City Administrator
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

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RESOLUTION 2003-314

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited bids for Tree Trimming Project 2005-TT-1 for the Utilities Department, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Utility Engineering Office; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2003, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the requested work has been divided into 17 sections in order to achieve the best and lowest cost, and to expedite the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and the plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$44,900 for Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, and 16 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Wright Tree Service, Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and the plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$56,825.00 for Sections 1, 2, and 17 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the combined total of the lowest bids for the above-listed eleven sections is less than the engineer's estimate for said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The bid of Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$44,900 for Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, and 16 of Tree Trimming Project 2004-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

2. The bid of Wright Tree Service, Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$56,825.00 for Sections 1, 2, and 17 of Tree Trimming Project 2004-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

3. A contract for such project be entered into between the City and such contractors; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 28, 2003.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 23, 2003	☐ City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk