



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Council Session

Item G6

**#2004-295 - Approving Bid Award - Tree Trimming Contract 2005-
TT-1**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

Meeting: November 23, 2004

Subject: Bid Award – Tree Trimming Contract 2005-TT-1

Item #'s: G-6

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

Proper clearance between trees and power lines is very important to the safe operation and maintenance of the City's electric system. The Utilities Department has one crew dedicated to Right-of-Way maintenance and also uses the services of contractors when necessary to maintain line clearance over the nearly 500 miles of distribution and transmission lines. Specifications for Contract 2005-TT-1, have been prepared for private contractors to provide tree trimming services for the clearances needed for reliable electrical service.

Discussion

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

The project was publicly advertised and specifications were sent to seven (7) potential bidders. The bids were publicly opened at 11:00 am on November 10, 2004 in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Three (3) bids were received and have been checked and evaluated. A tabulation of the bids received is listed below:

<u>Section Number</u>	<u>Tom's Tree Service Grand Island, NE</u>	<u>Sheffield Tree Service Grand Island, NE</u>	<u>Wright's Tree Service, Inc Des Moines, IA</u>
1	No Bid	No Bid	\$18,432.00
2	\$3,500.00	\$6,950.00	\$ 7,760.00
3	\$6,500.00	No Bid	\$15,440.00
4	\$3,600.00	\$6,500.00	\$ 5,200.00
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8	No Bid	No Bid	\$10,100.00
9	No Bid	No Bid	\$10,171.75
10	\$4,400.00	\$16,500.00	\$ 5,822.50
11	No Bid	No bid	\$13,200.00
12	No Bid	No Bid	\$20,800.00
13	\$2,300.00	\$3,500.00	\$ 8,910.00
14	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 8,375.00
15	\$7,000.00	No Bid	\$ 6,750.00
16	\$3,000.00	No Bid	\$ 5,100.00
17	\$4,200.00	No Bid	\$ 5,150.00

The combination of the lowest recommended bids is \$133,428.75, and is below the Engineer's estimate of \$150,000.00. All bids are without exceptions and meet City Contract requirements. Funds were budgeted for FY 2004-2005 for this contract work.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve Tree Trimming Contract 2005-TT-1 per section to the individual low bidders for each section
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 Sections: 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, and 17 to Tom's Tree Service in the amount of \$29,900.00; award Sections 5 and 6 to Sheffield Tree Service in the amount of \$15,700.00; and award Sections 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 to Wright Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$87,828.75.

Sample Motion

Move to approve award of Tree Trimming Contract 2005-TT-1, per section, to the individual low bidder for each section.



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: November 10, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Tree Trimming Contract 2005-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: E520
PUBLICATION DATE: October 21, 2004
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Tom's Tree Service</u>	<u>Sheffield Tree Service</u>	<u>Wright Tree Service, Inc.</u>
	Grand Island, NE	Grand Island, NE	Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Cashier's Check	Western Surety Co.	Merchants Bonding Co.
Exceptions:	None	None	None
Bid Price:			
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R E S O L U T I O N 2004-295

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 November 10, 2004, 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, Tom's 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 \$29,900 for Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, and 17 of the contract; 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 \$15,700 for Sections 5 and 6 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Wright Tree Service, Inc. 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 \$87,828.75 for Sections 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the combined total of the lowest bids for the above-listed seventeen 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 Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$29,900 for Sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16 and 17 of Tree Trimming Project 2005-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

2. The bid of Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$15,700 for Sections 5 and 6 of Tree Trimming Project 2005-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

3. The bid of Wright Tree Service, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$87,828.75 for Sections 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of Tree Trimming Project 2005-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

Approved as to Form ✕ _____ November 18, 2004 ✕ City Attorney
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4. 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, November 23, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk