



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Council Session

## Item G16

**#2005-104 - Approving Bid Award for Pole Yard Improvements -  
Electrical Project 2005-PY-1**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Dale Shotkoski

# **Council Agenda Memo**

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

**Meeting:** April 12, 2005

**Subject:** Approving Bid Award for Electrical Project 2005-PY-1 – Pole Yard Improvements, Utilities Department

**Item #'s:** G-16

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

## **Background**

The Utilities Department stores power poles needed for construction and maintenance at the facilities located at Cherry Street and Sutherland Street on the north side of the Burdick Power Plant. A typical electrical distribution pole is 45 feet long and weighs approximately 1,900 lbs. A typical electric transmission line pole is 80 feet long and weighs 6,100 lbs. Currently, these poles are stored on old concrete foundations left over from when the Waste Water Treatment Plant was in that area, railroad ties and in the dirt. This method is not conducive to proper handling, access or inventory control. There is also a safety issue in that the present system(s) is not designed to handle power poles.

## **Discussion**

The referenced project provides for building concrete storage racks at the existing location. The new racks will allow for proper and safe loading, handling, and storage of the power poles. The design of the storage racks is in accordance with industry standard that is used across the country. The pole rack construction will permit sorting by size and class, inventory management, safe handling, and protection of the stored poles from environmental damage. The project cost estimate was \$100,000.

The bid package for the pole racks was submitted to six potential contractors and to the local plan service agencies. Bids were publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2005 in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Four bids were received.

A tabulation of the bids is listed below:

| <b>Bidder</b>                           | <b>Exceptions</b> | <b>Evaluated Bid</b> |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Rathman-Manning Corp.<br>Chapman, NE    | None              | \$109,536.92         |
| Frahm Construction<br>Carroll, NE       | None              | \$144,150.00         |
| Starostka Group<br>Grand Island NE      | Yes               | \$163,890.00         |
| Diamond Engineering<br>Grand Island, NE | None              | \$192,475.00         |

During the evaluation of the bid from Rathman-Manning, it was discovered that the extension of the unit price for the pole racks contained a minor mathematical error. The correction results in an \$0.08 reduction in their “as read” bid of \$109,537.00. This negligible decrease does not change the outcome of the announced low bidder.

All bids received have reviewed and evaluated. The bid from the low responsive bidder is complete, without exceptions, and meets contract requirements. They are also experienced in this specific type of construction and have done like projects for other electric utilities.

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the award of Electrical Project 2005-PY-1 to the Rathman-Manning Corp., the low bidder
1. Refer the issue to a Committee
2. Postpone the issue to future date
3. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the award of the bid to the Rathman-Manning Corp. of Chapman, Nebraska.

### **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve the bid award for Electrical Project 2005-PY-1 to the Rathman-Manning Corp. of Chapman, NE in the amount of \$109,536.92.



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** March 31, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.  
**FOR:** Electrical Project 2005-PY-1/Pole Yard Improvements  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**ESTIMATE:** \$100,000.00  
**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** March 9, 2005  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 4

**SUMMARY**

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| <b>Bidder:</b>       | <b><u>Starostka Group</u></b><br>Grand Island, NE | <b><u>Frahm Construction</u></b><br>Carroll, NE |
| <b>Bid Security:</b> | Merchants Bonding Co.                             | National Mutual Insurance Co.                   |
| <b>Exceptions:</b>   | Noted   | None  |
| <b>Bid Price:</b>    | <b>\$163,890.00</b>                               | <b>\$144,150.00</b>                             |

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| <b>Bidder:</b>       | <b><u>Rathman-Manning Corp.</u></b><br>Chapman, NE | <b><u>The Diamond Engineering Co.</u></b><br>Grand Island, NE |
| <b>Bid Security:</b> | Inland Insurance Co.                               | Travelers Casualty & Surety                                   |
| <b>Exceptions:</b>   | None   | None  |
| <b>Bid Price:</b>    | <b>\$109,537.00</b>                                | <b>\$192,475.00</b>   |

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director  
Tom Barnes, Utilities Eng. Manager  
Pat Gericek, Utilities Admin. Assist.  
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

Bob Smith, Assistant Utilities Director  
Ray Micek, Electric Dist. Supt.  
Gary Greer, City Administrator  
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

RESOLUTION 2005-104

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Electrical Project 2005-PY-1, Pole Yard Improvements – Burdick Station Area, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utility Engineering Office at Phelps Control Center; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2005, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Rathman-Manning Corp. of Chapman, Nebraska, 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 \$109,537.00; and

WHEREAS, a minor mathematical error was discovered in Rathman-Manning Corp.'s bid, which resulted in an adjusted bid price of \$109,536.92; and

WHEREAS, such bid is below the estimate for such project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the adjusted bid of Rathman-Manning Corp. of Chapman, Nebraska, in the amount of \$109,536.92 for Electrical Project 2005-PY-1, Pole Yard Improvements – Burdick Station Area 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 12, 2005.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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| Approved as to Form | ☐ _____         |
| April 6, 2005       | ☐ City Attorney |