



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Council Session

Item G12

#2005-157 - Approving Bid Award for Steel Distribution Poles

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Dale Shotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: May 24, 2005

Subject: Bid Award – Steel Distribution Poles

Item #'s: G 12

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

Background

The Utilities Line Division uses wooden poles to construct and maintain most of the Utilities overhead power lines, mainly because of cost. Steel poles are approximately three times more expensive than wood, but steel poles are used in selected areas. Steel poles are much lighter and are used where the normal large line construction equipment cannot be used, primarily in congested easements where a substantial amount of hand work and use of small equipment is necessary. In areas without access for normal construction equipment, the steel poles are easier to handle and safer to use. The Department's stock of steel poles is depleted. Therefore specifications were prepared for the purchase of twenty-four 45' and thirty 40' steel poles.

Discussion

Three bids were received and publicly opened May 17, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. The bid specifications were advertised and issued in accordance with the City Procurement Code. Bids were solicited from five potential suppliers. The three bids received are from:

Bidder	Amount
Kriz-Davis, Grand Island, NE	\$74,467.12
North Pacific Lumber, Portland, OR	\$76,333.80
WESCO Distribution, Inc. Sioux City, IA	\$57,985.44

The bid from WESCO Distribution Inc. is the low bidder and meets all specifications for the steel poles.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the purchase of steel poles
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 accept the low bid from WESCO Distribution, Inc., and authorize the purchase of the steel poles.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the purchase of steel poles from WESCO Distribution, Inc., in the amount of \$57,985.44.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: May 17, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Steel Distribution Poles

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

ESTIMATE: \$75,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 520

PUBLICATION DATE: May 5, 2005

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 5

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Kriz-Davis Co.</u> Grand Island, NE	<u>North Pacific Lumber Co.</u> Portland, OR
Bid Security:	St. Paul Guardian Ins. Co.	Continental Casualty Co.
Exceptions:	None	None
Bid Price:	\$71,467.12	\$76,333.80

Bidder:	<u>WESCO Distribution, Inc.</u> Sioux City, IA
Bid Security:	The Continental Insurance Co.
Exceptions:	Noted
Bid Price:	\$57,985.44

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utility Admin. Sec.
Gene Pesek, Utility Warehouse Sup.
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Burl Gilpin, Assist. Utilities Director
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

R E S O L U T I O N 2005-157

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Steel Distribution Poles, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Administration office; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2005, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, WESCO Distribution, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa, 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 \$57,985.44; 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 bid of WESCO Distribution, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa, in the amount of \$57,985.44 for steel distribution poles is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 24, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk