



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Council Session

Item G11

**#2005-185 - Approving Bid Award - Transmission Line Work,
Utilities Department - Project 05-PCC-01**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; DaleShotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: June 28, 2005

Subject: Award of Contract #05-PCC-01, Transmission Line Work

Item #'s: G-11

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

Background

Grand Island Utilities Department is working with CXT to support the expansion of their existing manufacturing plant in Grand Island. As part of the expansion, nearly a mile of new rail spur line will be constructed by CXT to serve the increased capacity of their plant. A fifty foot tall gantry crane will be used along the new rails to load concrete ties on to rail cars.

The existing CXT plant and the planned expansion are located in the Union Pacific rail yards on the east side of Grand Island. The Utilities Department has a 115,000 volt (115kV) transmission line crossing the area. This line will have to be raised to provide safe clearance for the gantry crane.

Discussion

Advantage Engineering was retained in February to design the portion of 115 kV transmission line associated with the CXT facility. This design is consistent with the current construction standards adopted for Grand Island's 115 kV loop. The line section involved in this reconstruction project is 30 years old and was planned for upgrade to meet increasing electric loads in the next five years. With the line being rebuilt now, the capacity upgrade is included in the current proposed project.

In accordance with Department policy, the cost of reconstructing power lines is considered a cost to the development project when that reconstruction is required solely because of the development project. In this case, the non-betterment cost, not to exceed \$300,000, will be captured by the engineer and reimbursed by CXT, per the agreement with CXT of April 12, 2005.

Specifications for Transmission Line Work, Contract #05-PCC-01, were issued on April 22, 2005. The advertisement appeared in the Grand Island Independent on April 26. The Engineers Estimate was \$700,000. Bids were publicly opened on June 14, 2005. The three bids are tabulated as follows:

Bidder	Location	Bid Amount
Hutton Contracting Co.	Strasburg, CO	\$922,213.80
PAR Electrical Contractors	Des Moines, IA	\$799,315.00
Dominion Construction Co.	Scottsbluff, NE	\$655,691.37

None of the bidders took any exceptions to the Specifications.

Dominion Construction Company provided the low bid of \$655,691.37. In previous work on Grand Island's 115 kV, Dominion Construction Company has performed admirably. The Utility Department staff and Advantage Engineering recommend retaining Dominion Construction Company for Contract 05-PCC-01, in the amount of \$655,691.37

The project is included in the Electric Department's Capital Improvement Budget proposed for F.Y. 2005-06.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to accept the bid from Dominion Construction Company for Contract #05-PCC-01, Transmission Line Work.
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Award the Contract to another bidder
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the Bid and enter into Contract #05-PCC-01, Transmission Line Work, with Dominion Construction Company.

Sample Motion

Motion to accept the Bid and enter into Contract #05-PCC-01, Transmission Line Work, with Dominion Construction Company of Scottsbluff, NE.



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: June 14, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Transmission Line Work, Contract #05-PPC-01

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

ESTIMATE: \$700,00.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 520

PUBLICATION DATE: April 26, 2005

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.</u> Des Moines, IA	<u>Hutton Contracting Co., Inc.</u> Strasburg, CO
Bid Security:	Federal Insurance Company	Western Surety Company
Exceptions:	None	None
Bid Price:	\$799,315.00	\$922,213.80

Bidder:	<u>Dominion Construction Company</u> Scottsbluff, NE
Bid Security:	Travelers Casualty & Surety
Exceptions:	None
Bid Price:	\$655,691.37

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Admin. Assist. Utilities
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Burhl Gilpin, Assist. Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

R E S O L U T I O N 2005-185

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Transmission Line Work, Contract No. 05-PPC-01, according to plans and specifications on file in the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2005, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Construction Company of Scottsbluff, 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 \$655,691.37; 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 Dominion Construction Company of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, in the amount of \$655,691.37 for Transmission Line Work, Contract No. 05-PPC-01 is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a contract with such contractor for such project be entered into, and 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, June 28, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
June 23, 2005	☐ City Attorney