



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Council Session

Item G13

**#2005-308 - Approving Bid Award for Substation Site Security -
Project 05-PCC-02 - Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; DaleShotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: October 25, 2005

Subject: Award of Contract #05-PCC-02, Substation Site Security

Item #'s: G-13

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

Background

Grand Island Utilities Department has eight major electric substations around the City, protected only by barb wire topped chain link fence and padlocks. In the past, this level of security was the national standard but with events over the last few years, security should be improved. In addition, security of the electric industry is coming under increasing scrutiny from government regulatory agencies. This project will help ensure that Grand Island is well positioned to meet any standards set forth.

The project would provide video surveillance and recording at each substation and an equipment warehouse. The intent of the security is to detect intrusion and record possible theft or vandalism. In addition to the video record, activity in the substations would be monitored 24/7 from Phelps Control Center via monitors.

Discussion

Specifications for Substation Site Security, Contract #05-PCC-02, were prepared. The specifications were advertised in accordance with the City Procurement Code and issued for bid on September 6, 2005. Eight potential bidders received a direct solicitation. The engineer's estimate was \$120,000. Bids were publicly opened on October 3, 2005. The bids are tabulated below:

Bidder	Location	Bid Amount
CPS Company	South Lancaster, MA	\$57,500
Telephone Systems of NE	Grand Island, NE	\$18,303.12(w/exceptions)

The "as read" low bidder, Telephone Systems, took exceptions to a significant portion of the functional and technical provisions in the specifications including:

- The PC based, rack mounted, Video Recorder with serial buss available for connection to the Department's existing systems.
- The section specifying the functional requirements for Communications outputs and interconnections to the existing Utility Ethernet system.
- The section specifying the alarm function.
- And the entire section specifying the security system for the warehouse location.

While taking exceptions to major functional and technical requirements, the bidder provided an instruction manual for equipment to be supplied under his bid. Staff review of that manual indicates that the proposed equipment may partially meet the functional and technical requirements of the Specifications. However, since the bidder has taken exceptions to major portions of the specifications, the bidder is accepting no responsibility for either the capabilities of the proposed equipment or for it being successfully installed to provide the specified security system.

CPS Company took no exceptions. CPS recently relocated from Shelton, Nebraska and retains strong ties to central Nebraska. Much of the installation and support will be performed by local firms. The Electric Department has worked with CPS and its subcontractors satisfactorily in the past and is confident in that firms capabilities.

This project is included in the Electric Department Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the bid from CPS Company for Contract #05-PCC-02, Substation Site Security
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 award Contract #05-PCC-02, Substation Site Security to the low responsive bidder, CPS Company, of South Lancaster, MA.

Sample Motion

Motion to award Contract #05-PCC-02, Substation Site Security to CPS Company.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: October 3, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Substation Site Security 05-PCC-02

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

ESTIMATE: \$120,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: E520

PUBLICATION DATE: September 9, 2005

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 5

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Telephone Systems of NE, Inc.</u> Grand Island, NE	<u>CPS</u> South Lancaster, MA
Bid Security:	AMCO Insurance Company	\$2,900.00
Exceptions:	Noted	None
Bid Price:	\$18,303.12 (Tax not included)	\$57,500.00

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Jeff Mead, PGS
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

Bob Smith, Assistant Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Sec.
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

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RESOLUTION 2005-308

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Substation Site Security 05-PCC-02, according to plans and specifications on file at the Utility Engineering Office at Phelps Control Center; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2005, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, CPS Company of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, 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 \$57,500; 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 CPS Company of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, in the amount of \$57,500 for Substation Site Security 05-PCC-02 is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a contract between the City and 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, October 25, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 20, 2005	☐ City Attorney