



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2007**

**Council Session**

## **Item G17**

**#2007-25 - Approving Bid Award for Hand Held Meter Reading System**

**Staff Contact: David Springer**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Patrick Kaup, Utility Services Manager

**Meeting:** January 23, 2007

**Subject:** Upgrade of Hand Held Meter Reading Equipment

**Item #'s:** G-17

**Presenter(s):** Dave Springer, Finance Director

## **Background**

The meter reading division uses a hand held meter reading system for reading electric and water meters for utility billing purposes. The current system was placed into service in December, 1992, and has served our needs well. Due to the age of the system, hardware and software upgrades are necessary.

## **Discussion**

Requests for bids were taken and four bids were received. Northrop Grumman, the current system supplier, was the low bidder with a price of \$28,450 which includes a one year warranty. Ongoing annual maintenance is available after this warranty period for \$3,995. Funds are available for this purchase in Enterprise Funds, #520, Electric, and #525 Water.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve
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 purchase the Northrop Grumman meter reading system.

## **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve the purchase from Northrop Grumman of a meter reading system, per bid.

*Purchasing Division of Legal Department*  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** December 5, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

**FOR:** Hand Held Meter Reading System

**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities & Finance

**ESTIMATE:** \$40,000.00

**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520

**PUBLICATION DATE:** November 16, 2006

**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 4

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Northrop Grumman</u></b>	<b><u>Utility Solutions Associates</u></b>
	San Diego, CA	Lenexa, KS
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	Noted
<b>Base Bid Price:</b>	<b>\$30,350.00</b>	<b>\$46,199.00</b>
<b>Less Trade-In:</b>	<b><u>3,820.00</u></b>	<b><u>1.00</u></b>
<b>Total Bid:</b>	<b>\$26,530.00</b>	<b>\$46,198.00</b>
<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Datamatic</u></b>	<b><u>Hydro Metering Technology</u></b>
	Plano, TX	Burnsville, MN
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	Noted
<b>Base Bid Price:</b>	<b>\$41,205.00</b>	<b>\$30,897.00</b>
<b>Less Trade-In:</b>	<b><u>2,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>0-</u></b>
<b>Total Bid:</b>	<b>\$39,205.00</b>	<b>\$30,897.00</b>

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director  
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.  
Pat Kaup, Utility Service Manager  
Gary Greer, City Administrator  
Peters, Legal Secretary

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director  
David Springer, Finance Director  
Robyn Splattstoesser, Data Processing Supervisor  
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent  
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RESOLUTION 2007-25

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for hand held meter reading equipment for the Utilities Department, according to specifications on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2006, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman, of San Diego, California, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$28,450.00; and

WHEREAS, such bid is below the estimate for such hand held meter reading equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Northrop Grumman, of San Diego, California, in the amount of \$28,450.00 for hand held meter reading equipment is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 23, 2007.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk