



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Council Session

Item G20

**#2008-47 - Approving Bid Award Structural Firefighters
Protective Clothing**

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

Council Agenda Memo

From: Troy Hughes, Training Division Chief
Meeting: February 12, 2008
Subject: Structural Firefighters Protective Clothing
Item #'s: G-20
Presenter(s): Fire Chief Jim Rowell

Background

The Grand Island Fire Department received a federal Fire Act grant to fund replacement of firefighting personal protective clothing. This grant was intended to facilitate the purchase of 56 sets of protective clothing. The clothing specified included 56 coats and 56 pants. The total budget for this clothing is \$82,721.00 with the federal share being \$74,441.00 and the local or City of Grand Island's share being \$8,271.00 or 10%. Bids were received from six vendors: Danko Emergency Equipment - \$97,446.16 (numerous exceptions), Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES) - \$82,712.00 (no exceptions), Heiman Fire Equipment - \$81,200.00 (numerous exceptions), Ed M. Feld Fire Equipment (\$78,120.00 (numerous exceptions), FYR-Tek, Inc. - \$77,308.00 (numerous exceptions), and FireGuard, Inc. - \$76,750.80 (numerous exceptions).

Discussion

The fire department established a committee to review the bids. The committee consisted of one Division Chief, two Fire Captains, one Firefighter/EMT-P, and one Firefighter/EMT-B. In reviewing the bids, the committee did not consider the bid from Danko due to the exceptions and the cost being above the engineers estimate. They did not consider the bid from Ed M. Feld Fire Equipment as they bid the same product as FireGuard but at a higher price. They did evaluate the bids from MES, Heiman Fire Equipment, FYR Tek, Inc., and FireGuard, Inc. The committee met with product representatives of each of the four products that were bid. They received sample products from each of the vendors and considered the merits of these products based upon written specifications. Only the bid from MES met all of the written specifications. The committee carefully reviewed the listed exceptions and determined that these exceptions would have a detrimental effect on the life cycle of the product. Therefore, the fire department administration recommends accepting the bid from MES based upon them meeting all bid specifications and the pricing being within the engineers estimate.

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 to approve the bid received from MES

Sample Motion

Move to approve the bid from Municipal Emergency Services of Fremont, NE for \$82,712.00.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: January 3, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Structural Firefighters Protective Clothing

DEPARTMENT: Fire

ESTIMATE: \$82,712.00 **Federal Share:** \$74,441.00
Department Share: \$ 8,271.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 10022101-85548

PUBLICATION DATE: December 8, 2007

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Danko Emergency Equipment</u>	<u>Municipal Emergency Service</u>
	Snyder, NE	Fremont, NE
Exceptions:	Noted	None
Bid Price:		
Protective Jackets:	\$62,238.96	\$48,664.00
Pants & Suspenders:	35,207.20	34,048.00
Bidder:	<u>Heiman Fire Equipment</u>	<u>FYR-Teck, Inc.</u>
	Ashton, IA	Gothenburg, NE
Exceptions:	Noted	Noted
Bid Price:		
Protective Jackets:	\$48,440.00	\$49,156.80
Pants & Suspenders:	32,760.00	28,151.20

Bidder:	<u>Fire Guard, Inc.</u>	<u>Ed M. Feld Fire Equipment</u>
	Omaha, NE	Carroll, IA
Exceptions:	Noted	Noted

Bid Price:

Protective Jackets:	\$44,507.68	\$45,360.00
Pants & Suspenders:	32,243.12	32,760.00

cc:	Jim Rowell, Fire Chief	Troy Hughes, Training Division Chief
	Chris Hoffman, Fire Admin. Assist.	Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney
	Wes Nespor, Assist. City Attorney	Sherry Peters, Legal Secretary
	Jeff Pederson, City Administrator	

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RESOLUTION 2008-47

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Structural Firefighters Protective Clothing, according to plans and specifications on file with the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2008, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Emergency Services of Fremont, 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 \$82,712.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Municipal Emergency Services is less than the estimate for the Structural Firefighters Protective Clothing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Municipal Emergency Services of Fremont, Nebraska in the amount of \$82,712.00 for Structural Firefighters Protective Clothing is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 12, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk