



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Council Session

## Item G14

**#2008-266 - Approving Bid Award - 2009 Truck - Complete Unit  
with Articulating Aerial Platform & Chassis**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wesley Nespor

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director  
Wesley Nespor, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

**Meeting:** September 23, 2008

**Subject:** Bid Award – 2009 Truck Complete Unit with  
Articulating Aerial Platform & Chassis (Unit #61 –  
Utilities Dept)

**Item #'s:** G-14

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

## **Background**

The Utilities Department budgeted in the 2007-2008 budget, and carried over to the 2008-'09 budget to replace Unit #61, the tree trimming bucket truck in the Electric Line Division. The truck, a 1996 bucket is used daily to maintain line safety clearances across the City. It has over 8,270 hours (equivalent to 124,000 miles @ 15 mph). Specifications were prepared for a replacement vehicle. The old unit is offered in trade.

## **Discussion**

Specifications were written and sent to seven possible bidders as well as advertised according to City Purchasing Code. Bids were publicly opened at the advertised time of 11:00 a.m., September 4, 2008. Bids were received from four bidders. Exceptions were noted from all bidders. All but one of the exceptions were minor and acceptable by the Department's evaluation of the bids.

The "as read" low bidder, Truck Equipment of Urbandale Iowa, took exception to the lift capacity rating of the boom. The specifications require a total lift capacity at the end of the boom of 500 lbs. The bid from Truck Equipment is for a smaller unit, with a lift capacity of only 355 lbs. With personnel, tools, and line construction materials, a boom lift capacity of 355 lbs. is unacceptable. Therefore, the bid from Truck Equipment is deemed non-compliant.

The bids are as follows:

	Base Bid	Trade-in	Total
Truck Equipment of Urbandale, IA	\$134,777.00	\$5,000.00	\$129,777.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Inc. of Grand Island, NE	\$137,205.00	\$6,500.00	\$130,705.00
Terex Utilities of San Antonio, TX	\$138,552.00	\$6,500.00	\$132,052.00
Nebraska Peterbilt of Grand Island, NE	\$140,391.00	\$6,500.00	\$133,891.00

The lowest compliant bid is from Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska, for a total of \$130,705.00, with trade-in of the exiting unit.

### **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 approve the purchase of the 2009 Truck Complete Unit with Articulating Aerial Platform and Chassis from Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska in the amount of \$130,705.00, including trade-in.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of the 2009 Truck Complete Unit with Articulating Aerial Platform and Chassis from Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** September 4, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

**FOR:** 2009 Truck Complete Unit with Articulating Aerial  
Platform & Chassis

**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities

**ESTIMATE:** \$180,000.00

**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520

**PUBLICATION DATE:** August 14, 2008

**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 7

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>Nebraska Truck Center, Inc.</u>	<u>Nebraska Peterbilt</u>
	Grand Island NE	Grand Island NE
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Universal Surety Company	\$6,694.55
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	Noted
<b>Base Bid:</b>	\$137,205.00	\$140,391.00
<b>Trade-In:</b>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$130,705.00	\$133,891.00
<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>Terex Utilities</u>	<u>Truck Equipment, Inc.</u>
	San Antonio TX	Des Moines IA
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Westchester Fire Ins. Co.	Merchants Bonding Company
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	Noted
<b>Base Bid:</b>	\$138,552.00	\$134,777.00
<b>Trade-In:</b>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$132,052.00	\$129,777.00
<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>Altec Industries, Inc.</u>	<u>Drake-Scruggs Equipment, Inc.</u>
	St. Joseph MO	Springfield, IL
	No Bid	No Bid

RESOLUTION 2008-266

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for a 2009 Truck – Complete Unit with Articulating Aerial Platform and Chassis (Unit #61), according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department ; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2008, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and;

WHEREAS, Nebraska Truck Center Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska 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 \$137,205.00, (less trade-in of \$6,500.00) making the final bid amount \$130,705.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Nebraska Truck Center's bid is less than the estimate for the 2009 Truck – Complete Unit with Articulating Aerial Platform and Chassis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska in the amount of \$130,705.00, including trade-in, for a 2009 Truck, Complete Unit with Articulating Aerial Platform and Chassis (Unit #61) is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 23, 2008.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
September 19, 2008	☐ City Attorney