



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 09, 2009

Council Session

Item G3

#2009-126 - Approving Bid Award - Burdick Cooling Tower Fire Protection

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wesley Nespor

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: June 9, 2009

Subject: Burdick Cooling Tower Fire Protection 2009

Item #'s: G-3

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

Background

In the fall of last year, a contract was awarded for the replacement of the cooling tower on the #3 electric generating unit at the Burdick Station Power Plant. The construction of the new cooling tower is completed, with performance testing to be completed during the upcoming summer. Specifications for a fire protection sprinkler system for this new tower were prepared and issued for bids. The design of the fire protection system was done by utility engineering staff and reviewed by our insurance carrier, Factory Mutual. The system design is in accordance with FM requirements.

Discussion

The specifications for the Burdick Cooling Tower Fire Protection 2009 were advertised and issued for bid in accordance with the City Purchasing Code. Bids were publicly opened on May 14, 2009. Specifications were sent to six potential bidders and responses were received as listed below. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$60,000.

Bidder	Bid Price	Taxes	Evaluated Price
Continental Fire Sprinkler Company Omaha, NE	\$40,787.00	\$1,439.00	\$42,226.00
Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Alda, NE	\$52,900.00	Included	\$ 52,900.00

The fire protection provisions for a power plant cooling tower are somewhat unique and both bidders included exceptions/clarifications with their bids to ensure that some items they normally see as a part of fire protection systems are, indeed, not required. The as-read low bidder, Continental Fire Sprinkler, confirmed that hose stations and cabinets are

not required and that there is no buried piping required. Nebraska Fire Sprinkler confirmed that they are not responsible for the existing piping to which this project is attached and that backflow protection is not required to be installed by the contractor. The exceptions/clarifications noted by the contractors are in accordance with the specifications. Both bidders are informed that their bids are evaluated as compliant with the specifications. Both bids are less than the engineer's 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 award the Contract for Burdick Cooling Tower Fire Protection to Continental Fire Sprinkler Company of Omaha, NE, as the lowest responsive bidder, with the bid price of \$42,226.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve award of the bid of \$42,226.00 from Continental Fire Sprinkler Company for the Burdick Cooling Tower Fire Protection 2009 as submitted.



Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: May 14, 2009 at 11:15 a.m.
FOR: Burdick Cooling Tower Fire Protection 2009
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$60,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: April 30, 2009
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 6

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Continental Fire Sprinkler Company</u> Omaha, NE	<u>Nebraska Fire Sprinkler</u> Alda, NE
Bid Security:	Travelers Casualty & Surety	Universal Surety Company
Exceptions:	Noted	Noted
Bid Price:		
Material:	\$20,556.00	\$20,849.00
Labor:	20,231.00	31,275.00
Sales Tax:	<u>1,439.00</u>	<u>776.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$40,787.00</u>	<u>\$52,900.00</u>

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney
Jeff Pederson, City Administrator
Lynn Mayhew, Utilities Dept.

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Karen Nagel, Utilities Secretary

RESOLUTION 2009-126

WHEREAS, the City Electric Department invited sealed bids for Cooling Tower Fire Protection at Burdick Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2009, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Continental Fire Sprinkler Company, of Omaha, 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 \$42,226.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Continental Fire Sprinkler Company of Omaha, Nebraska, is less than the estimate for Cooling Tower Fire Protection at Burdick Power Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Continental Fire Sprinkler Company of Omaha, Nebraska, in the amount of \$42,226.00 for Cooling Tower Fire Protection at Burdick Power Plant is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 9, 2009.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
June 4, 2009	☐ City Attorney