



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Council Session

Item G-6

#2015-33 - Approving Bid Award - Substation Switch Retrofit Services

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting: February 10, 2015

Subject: Substation Switch Retrofit Services

Item #'s: G-6

Presenter(s): Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Grand Island Electric System utilizes a 115,000 volt transmission loop that connects eight substations around the City. Each substation contains one or two large transformers that convert this voltage down to the distribution level of 13,800 volts. Occasionally it is necessary to remove a transformer from service for maintenance. Three of the older substations require the 115,000 volt transmission loop to be momentarily interrupted in order to accomplish this.

Due to current regional requirements, any scheduled transmission outage requires a two week notice. By retrofitting the main transformer disconnect switches in these substations; each transformer can be removed from service without any interruption in the transmission loop allowing for greater flexibility. Due to the equipment necessary to perform the installation and calibration of this equipment, utilizing a contractor is required.

Discussion

Bids were received by the City on January 21, 2015 for the contract labor and materials for the substation switch retrofit services. The two bids received were:

Bidder	Bid Price
IES Commercial, Inc. Holdrege, Nebraska	\$75,169.00
Brink Constructors, Inc. Rapid City, South Dakota	\$98,600.58

IES Commercial's bid contains no exceptions, meets all requirements and is very close to the engineer's estimate of \$75,000. IES Commercial has recently performed a substation installation for the City with good results.

Based on a review of the bids received, the IES Commercial bid of \$75,169.00 is recommended by the Utilities Department as the lowest, compliant bid.

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 a future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the bid from IES Commercial, Inc., of Holdrege, Nebraska, for Substation Switch Retrofit Services in the amount of \$75,169.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the bid from IES Commercial, Inc., for Substation Switch Retrofit Services in the amount of \$75,169.00.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: January 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: Substation Switch Retrofit Services
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$75,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: January 9, 2015
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 2

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Birk Constructors, Inc.</u> Rapid City, SD	<u>IES Commercial, Inc.</u> Holdrege, NE
Bid Security:	Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	National Union Fire Ins. Co.
Exceptions:	Noted	None
Bid Price:	\$98,600.58	\$75,169.00

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator
Travis Spiehs, Electrical Engineer 1

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
William Clingman, Interim Finance Director
Travis Burdett, Assist. Utilities Director

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RESOLUTION 2015-33

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Substation Switch Retrofit Services according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2015, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, IES Commercial, Inc., 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 \$75,169.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of IES Commercial, Inc., is very close to the engineer's estimate of \$75,000.00 for Substation Switch Retrofit Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of IES Commercial, Inc., in the amount of \$75,169.00 , for Substation Switch Retrofit Services, 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 10, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ✕ _____
February 6, 2015 ✕ City Attorney