



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

Council Session

Item G8

#2011-54 - Approving Bid Award - 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Jason Eley, Interim City Attorney

Meeting: March 8, 2011

Subject: 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services

Item #'s: G-8

Presenter(s): Gary Mader, Utilities Director

Background

The City of Grand Island electric system utilizes a 115 kV transmission loop that encompasses the entire city. This loop is the backbone of the electric system and ensures a reliable source of power to each of the electrical substations located around the city. The transmission lines use a variety of wood and steel poles. In order to most effectively reduce the chances of pole failure during wind and ice events, it is important to perform a thorough inspection and preservation treatment every ten to fifteen years. The last inspection was performed in 1996.

Discussion

A Request for Proposals was issued in February with a requested completion date of May 15, 2011. An advertisement was published in the Grand Island Independent and the bid package was sent to two known contractors. One proposal was received from Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. Osmose is an industry leader in the area of pole preservation and has extensive experience and references including the City of Grand Island. Osmose submitted a proposal with a "Not to Exceed" amount of \$100,000. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$100,000.

The specifications provided an inventory of the transmission line poles to be included in the inspections process. Because the complete extent of preservation treatment is not known until the inspections are conducted, the bidders were required to provide unit prices for various aspects of the contract, including such things as actual pole inspections, attachment inspections, treatment if needed for wood and steel poles etc., along with a "not to exceed" contract price. Actual payment to the contractor will be based on the unit prices for work as included in the specifications.

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 enter into an agreement with Osmose Utilities Services, Inc for 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services, in accordance with the February 2011 proposal.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the February 2011 Proposal for 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services from Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.



Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: February 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$100,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: February 7, 2011
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 2

SUMMARY

Bidder: Osmose Utilities Services, Inc
Tyrone, GA
Bid Security: Liberty Mutual Insurance Co
Exceptions: Noted
Bid Price: \$100,000.00

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent
Mary Lou Brown, Interim City Administrator

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Travis Burdett, Assist. Utilities Director

RESOLUTION 2011-54

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2011, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., of Tyrone, Georgia, 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 not to exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., is the same as the estimate for the 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for 115 kV Pole Inspection and Preservation 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, March 8, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 4, 2011	☐ City Attorney