



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Council Session

Item G17

**#2011-242 - Approving Bid Award for Grand Island Quiet Zone
Project No. 2012-QZ-1**

Staff Contact: John Collins, Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Terry Brown, Manager of Engineering Services
Meeting: September 13, 2011
Subject: Approving Bid Award for Grand Island Quiet Zone
Project No. 2012-QZ-1
Item #'s: G-17
Presenter(s): John Collins, Public Works Director

Background

The purpose of the Grand Island Quiet Zone Improvement Project is to develop improvements at the Union Pacific Railroad crossings at Oak Street, Pine Street, Walnut Street, and Elm Street so that train horns will not need to be activated for these crossings.

“Silent” crossings will be created at Oak Street and Pine Street by constructing concrete medians and concrete curb to narrow the streets at the crossing approaches. Walnut Street will have an Automated Horn System installed and concrete curb will be constructed to narrow the street. The crossing at Elm Street will be closed at the completion of the project.

On August 22, 2011 the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department advertised for bids for the Grand Island Quiet Zone Project No. 2012-QZ-1. There were ten (10) potential bidders for the project.

Discussion

One (1) bid was received and opened on September 6, 2011. The bid was submitted in compliance with the contract, plans and specifications. A summary of the bid is shown below.

Bidder	Exceptions	Total Bid
The Diamond Engineering Co, of Grand Island, NE	None	\$247,718.25

The Engineer’s Estimate, shown on the Bid Opening Summary, is \$307,462.00; which included a 10% contingency. The base estimate was \$279,511.10, with the submitted bid at 88.6% of that estimate.

There are sufficient funds in Account No. 40033535-90078.

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 awarding a contract to The Diamond Engineering Co. of Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$247,718.25 as the low compliant bid that meets specifications.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the bid award.



Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: September 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: Grand Island Quiet Zone Project No. 2012-OZ-01
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
ESTIMATE: \$307,462.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 40033535-90078
PUBLICATION DATE: August 20, 2011
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 10

SUMMARY

Bidder: Diamond Engineering Co.
Grand Island, NE
Bid Security: Universal Surety Company
Exceptions: None
Bid Price: \$247,718.25

cc: John Collins, Public Works Director
Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent
Mary Lou Brown, City Administrator

Catrina DeLosh, PW Admin. Assist.
Scott Griepenstroh, PW Project Mgr.

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CONTRACT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 13th day of **September, 2011**, by and between **The Diamond Engineering Company**, hereinafter called the Contractor, and the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, hereinafter called the City.

WITNESSETH:

THAT, WHEREAS, in accordance with law, the City has caused contract documents to be prepared and an advertisement calling for bids to be published, for construction of **Grand Island Quiet Zone Project No. 2012-QZ-1**; and

WHEREAS, the City, in the manner prescribed by law, has publicly opened, examined, and canvassed the proposals submitted, and has determined the aforesaid Contractor to be the lowest responsive bidder, and has duly awarded to the said Contractor a contract therefore, for the sum or sums named in the Contractor's bid, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the compensation to be paid to the Contractor and of the mutual agreements herein contained, the parties have agreed and hereby agree, the City for itself and its successors, and the Contractor for itself or themselves, and its or their successors, as follows:

ARTICLE I. That the Contractor shall (a) furnish all tools, equipment, superintendence, transportation, and other construction materials, services and facilities; (b) furnish, as agent for the City, all materials, supplies and equipment specified and required to be incorporated in and form a permanent part of the completed work; (c) provide and perform all necessary labor; and (d) in a good substantial and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the requirements, stipulations, provisions, and conditions of the contract documents as listed in the attached General Specifications, said documents forming the contract and being as fully a part thereof as if repeated verbatim herein, perform, execute, construct and complete all work included in and covered by the City's official award of this contract to the said Contractor, such award being based on the acceptance by the City of the Contractor's bid;

ARTICLE II. That the City shall pay to the contractor for the performance of the work embraced in this contract and the contractor will accept as full compensation therefore the sum (subject to adjustment as provided by the contract) of **TWO HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN 25/100 (\$247,718.25)** for all services, materials, and work covered by and included in the contract award and designated in the foregoing Article I; payments thereof to be made in cash or its equivalent in the manner provided in the General Specifications.

ARTICLE III. The contractor hereby agrees to act as agent for the City in purchasing materials and supplies for the City for this project. The City shall be obligated to the vendor of the materials and supplies for the purchase price, but the contractor shall handle all payments hereunder on behalf of the City. The vendor shall make demand or claim for payment of the purchase price from the City by submitting an invoice to the contractor. Title to all materials and supplies purchased hereunder shall vest in the City directly from the vendor. Regardless of the method of payment, title shall vest immediately in the City. The contractor shall not acquire title to any materials and supplies incorporated into the project. All invoices shall bear the contractor's name as agent for the City. This paragraph will apply only to these materials and supplies actually incorporated into and becoming a part of the finished product of **Grand Island Quiet Zone Project No. 2012-QZ-1**.

ARTICLE IV. That the contractor shall start work as soon as possible after the contract is signed and the required bond is approved, and that the work in this contract shall be substantially complete by **May 25, 2012**.

ARTICLE V. The City of Grand Island, Nebraska operates on a fiscal year beginning October 1st and ending on the following September 30th. It is understood and agreed that any portion of this agreement which will be performed in a future fiscal year is contingent upon the City Council adopting budget statements and appropriations sufficient to fund such performance.

ARTICLE VI. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable State fair labor standards in the execution of this contract as required by Section 73-102, R.R.S. 1943. The Contractor further agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48-657, R.R.S. 1943, pertaining to contributions to the Unemployment Compensation Fund of the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE VII. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor and all subcontractors agree not to discriminate in hiring or any other employment practice on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability and to comply at all times with all applicable state and federal civil rights acts and executive orders of the President of the United States.

ARTICLE VIII. Every public contractor and their subcontractors who are awarded a contract by the City for the physical performance of services within the State of Nebraska shall register with and use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE IX. City Code states that it is unethical for any person to offer, give or agree to give any City employee or former City employee, or for any City employee or former City employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

ARTICLE X. The City reserves the right to terminate this contract at any time upon 60 days notice. If the contract is terminated, the contractor will be compensated for any services rendered to date of termination.

ARTICLE XI. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: Each proposer agrees that they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, religious creed, ancestry, handicap, sex or political affiliation.

ARTICLE XII. LB 403: Every public consultant and his, her or its subconsultants who are awarded an agreement by the City for the physical performance of services within the State of Nebraska shall register with and use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

Contractor:

By _____

Date _____

Title _____

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

By _____
Mayor

Date _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

The contract and bond are in due form according to law and are hereby approved.

Attorney for the City

Date _____

APPENDIX A – TITLE VI NON-DISCRIMINATION -

During the performance of this agreement, the consultant, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "consultant") agrees as follows:

- (1) **Compliance with Regulations:** The consultant shall comply with the Regulation relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, and the Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter "FHWA") Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement.
- (2) **Nondiscrimination:** The Consultant, with regard to the work performed by it during the agreement, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age, and disability/handicap in the selection and retention of subconsultants, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by 49 CFR, section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the agreement covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- (3) **Solicitations for Subconsultants, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the consultant for work to be performed under a subagreement, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subconsultant or supplier shall be notified by the consultant of the consultant's obligations under this agreement and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age, and disability/handicap.
- (4) **Information and Reports:** The consultant shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the City of Grand Island or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a consultant is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the consultant shall so certify to the City of Grand Island, or the FHWA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (5) **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this agreement, the City of Grand Island shall impose such agreement sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - (a.) withholding of payments to the consultant under the agreement until the consultant complies, and/or
 - (b.) cancellation, termination or suspension of the agreement, in whole or in part.
- (6) **Incorporation of Provisions:** The consultant shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every subagreement, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The consultant shall take such action with respect to any subagreement or procurement as the City of Grand Island or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subconsultant or supplier as a result of such direction, the consultant may request the City of Grand Island to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the City of Grand Island, and, in addition, the consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

RESOLUTION 2011-242

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Grand Island Quiet Zone Project No. 2012-QZ-1, according to plans and specifications on file with the City Engineer/Public Works Director; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2011 bids were received, opened, and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, The Diamond Engineering Co. of Grand Island, NE 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 \$247,718.25, and

WHEREAS, The Diamond Engineering Co.'s bid was below the engineering's estimate for the project; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budget for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of The Diamond Engineering Co. of Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$247,718.25 for Grand Island Quiet Zone Project No. 2012-QZ-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with such contractor for such project on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 13, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
September 8, 2011 ☐ City Attorney