



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Council Session

Item G5

**#2012-175 - Approving Bid Award - Fire Protection Upgrade at
Platte Generating Station**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Jason Eley

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Jason Eley, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting Date: July 10, 2012

Subject: Platte Generating Station Fire Protection Upgrade

Item #'s: G-5

Presenter(s): Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

In a continuing effort to update the Platte Generating Station fire systems and maintain compliance with fire codes and FM Global, the current fire systems involving the track hopper and tripper floor areas are being replaced. Both fire systems are original to the plant.

The track hopper fire system (which serves the bottom half of conveyor #1) will be moved from its current bunker location to a heated shed above ground to avoid the need for heat trace and to give plant personnel easier accessibility to the valves. It will be tied into the existing notifier control panel and will reuse existing sprinklers and heat detectors.

The tripper floor fire system (which serves the top half of conveyor #4, conveyor #5 and dust collector #2) will be replaced at its current location. It will be tied into the existing notifier control panel and will reuse existing sprinklers and heat detectors.

Discussion

The specifications for the Platte Generating Station Fire Protection Upgrade were advertised and issued for bid in accordance with the City purchasing code. Bids were publicly opened on June 28, 2012. Specifications were sent to eight potential bidders and responses were received as listed below. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$70,000.

Bidder	Bid Price
Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation	\$ 68,900.00

The bid was reviewed by Utility engineering staff. It is compliant with specifications and 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 Platte Generating Fire Protection Upgrade to Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation of Alda, Nebraska, in the amount of \$68,900.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the bid of \$68,900.00 from Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation for the Platte Generating Station Fire Protection Upgrade.



Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: June 28, 2012 at 2:15 p.m.
FOR: Fire Protection Upgrade - PGS
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$70,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: June 20, 2012
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 8

SUMMARY

Bidder: Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Alda, NE
Bid Security: Universal Surety
Exceptions: None

Bid Price:
Material: \$32,827.00
Labor: \$34,267.00
Sales Tax: \$ 1,806.00
Total Bid: \$68,900.00

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent
Mary Lou Brown, City Administrator

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Ryan Schmitz, Utility Production Eng.

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RESOLUTION 2012-175

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Fire Protection Upgrade at Platte Generating Station, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2012, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Fire Sprinkler of Alda, 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 \$68,900.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, is less than the estimate for the Fire Protection Upgrade at Platte Generating Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Nebraska Fire Sprinkler, in the amount of 68,900.00, for Fire Protection Upgrade at Platte Generating Station, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 10, 2012

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 6, 2012	☐ City Attorney