



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Council Session

## Item G9

**#2012-183 - Approving Bid Award - Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point 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 24, 2012

**Subject:** Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade

**Item #'s:** G-9

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

## Background

Platte Generating Station utilizes a conveyor system to transport coal from the point where train cars unload to the coal storage pile and additional conveyors to the coal storage bunkers. The conveyor system consists of five separate conveyors. The five transfer points where coal is transferred from one conveyor to another are in need of upgrades to alleviate airborne dust, minimize maintenance, and provide a higher level of safety for plant personnel. Specifications were developed by the plant staff to include upgrading the first two transfer points. The specification was written to require, firm, lump sum pricing on the first transfer point with an alternate pricing for the second transfer point.

## Discussion

The specifications for the Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade were advertised and issued for bid in accordance with the City Purchasing Code. Bids were publicly opened on July 17, 2012. Specifications were sent to four potential bidders and responses were received as listed below. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$150,000.00.

| Bidder                             | Bid Price    | Alternate Bid | Total Bid    |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Martin Engineering<br>Neponset, IL | \$ 76,377.67 | \$69,823.92   | \$146,201.59 |
| Benetech<br>Aurora, IL             | \$334,045.00 | \$193,680.00  | \$527,725.00 |

The bids were reviewed by plant engineering staff. The bid from Martin Engineering is compliant with specifications and the base bid and optional bid 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 Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade at Platte Generating Station to Martin Engineering of Neponset, Illinois, as the low responsive bidder, in the amount of \$146,201.59.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the bid of \$146,201.59 from Martin Engineering for the Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade at Platte Generating Station.



Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** July 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.  
**FOR:** Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade - PGS  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**ESTIMATE:** \$150,000.00  
**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** June 30, 2012  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 4

**SUMMARY**

|                      |                                  |                           |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Bidder:</b>       | <b><u>Martin Engineering</u></b> | <b><u>Benetech</u></b>    |
|                      | Neponset, IL                     | Aurora, IL                |
| <b>Bid Security:</b> | Cashier's Check                  | Westchester Fire Ins. Co. |
| <b>Exceptions:</b>   | Noted                            | Noted                     |
| <b>Bid Price:</b>    |                                  |                           |
| <b>Material:</b>     | \$36,366.00                      | \$189,145.00              |
| <b>Labor:</b>        | \$35,015.00                      | \$144,900.00              |
| <b>Sales Tax:</b>    | \$ 4,996.67                      | \$ 0.00                   |
| <b>Total Bid:</b>    | \$76,377.67                      | \$334,045.00              |
| <b>Alternate Bid</b> | \$69,823.92                      | \$193,680.00              |

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent  
Ryan Schmitz, Water Supt.

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

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RESOLUTION 2012-183

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade at Platte Generating Station, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2012, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Martin Engineering, of Neponset, Illinois, 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 \$146,201.59; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Martin Engineering is less than the estimate for the Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point 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 Martin Engineering, in the amount of \$146,201.59, for Coal Conveyor #1 Transfer Point Upgrade 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 24, 2012.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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| Approved as to Form | ☒ _____         |
| July 23, 2012       | ☒ City Attorney |