



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Council Session

## Item G18

**#2012-213 - Approving Bid Award for Backup Emergency  
Generator(s)**

Staff Contact: Russ Blackburn

## Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Russ Blackburn, (Interim) Fire Chief

**Meeting:** August 14, 2012

**Subject:** Purchase and Installation of (2) Fire Station Backup Generators

**Item #'s:** G-18

**Presenter(s):** Fred Hotz, Fire Division Chief

### Background

The Fiscal Year 2011/2012 budget, as approved, included the purchase and installation of fire station backup generators. These generators will provide the necessary backup electricity to the fire stations should city electrical power be lost to the stations. Long term power outages could be experienced due to ice storms and or tornadoes, but any number of other causes could significantly impact the fire department emergency services during a large scale outage. Currently Fire Station 1 on Fonner Road is equipped with a backup generator. The three other stations are not equipped. The approval of this expenditure would equip two more stations with generators. Future Capital Budget planning would include the purchase of the final generator needed.

The General Fund Capital Budget included \$80,000 related to the expenses of these generators.

Requests for Proposal (RFP) were issued, received and opened on July 31, 2012, and evaluated.

The RFP to be awarded pending City Council approval amounts to \$76,156.

### Discussion

The proposal requested four optional installations. All included the complete installation of a generator for Fire Station 2. The next two options added one more additional purchase of equipment and the final included purchase and installations at both stations. Two proposals were submitted by two local electrical contractors Middleton Electric and Ensley Electric. The proposals were scored by the use of a scoring matrix that covered seven different evaluation categories. The categories were: the following of directions of

the RFP, price, proposed completion date, meeting or exceeding the specs, maintenance availability and distance. Scores ranged from a high of 64 to a low of 28.

Those proposals that met or came in below (price) our capital budget for the project were considered. The proposals that met the criteria of option #4 were given priority (The complete installation of generators at both Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 4). Both contractors submitted proposals that met option #4. Middleton Electric's proposal came in the lowest and was evaluated higher or equal in all other criteria. In addition, specific specifications were identified and proposed in the proposal that Ensley Electric neglected to propose.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the purchase and installation of the generators from Middleton Electric.
2. Postpone any decision regarding the current proposals.
3. Deny the request to purchase and install the generators.

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that Council approve the Resolution to purchase and install emergency backup generators for Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 4.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the Resolution to purchase and install emergency backup generators for Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 4 awarding the contract to Middleton Electric at the contract price of \$76,156.



### PROPOSAL

To: RaNae Edwards

Date: 8-2-12

Job: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Station Generators(REVISED)

Customer: City of Grand Island

Our proposal to provide all work, material and services to install generators at Fire Stations #2 and #4 is as follows:

	Cummins	Caterpillar	Generac
Bid Item #1	\$38,575	\$48,575	\$39,510
Bid Item #2	\$56,050	\$75,540	\$60,585
Bid Item #3	\$65,252	\$82,625	\$69,000
Bid Item #4	\$76,927	\$96,730	\$78,752
Service Center	Kearney	Doniphan	Hastings
Completion Date From notice to proceed	7 weeks	16 weeks	8 weeks

Station #2 Add remote annunciator panel  
Station #4 Add remote annunciator panel

Add \$1,375  
Add \$1,045

Station #4 price includes metering modification per  
GI Utilities and GI Bldg. Dept.

Quotation prepared by: Craig Ensley

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
FOR  
BACKUP EMERGENCY GENERATOR(S)**

**RFP DUE DATE:** July 31, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire

**PUBLICATION DATE:** July 13, 2012

**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 5

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

**Middleton Electric, Inc.**  
Grand Island, NE

**Ensley Electrical Services, Inc.**  
Grand Island, NE

cc: Russ Blackburn, Interim Fire Chief  
Jason Eley, Purchasing Agent  
Chris Hoffman, Fire Admin. Assist.

Fred Hotz, Division Chief  
Jaye Monter, Finance Director

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RESOLUTION 2012-213

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island sent out requests for proposals to five potential “stand alone” generator vendors to supply and install two emergency backup generators. Two proposals were received and evaluated; a copy is on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2012 requests for proposals were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Middleton Electric, scored the highest in these areas: directions of the RFP, price, proposed completion date, meeting or exceeding the specs, maintenance availability and distance. This proposal was \$771 less than the other contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the proposal of Middleton Electric of Grand Island, Nebraska in the amount of \$76,156 for the purchase and installation of two Cummins Generators as per the proposal is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, on August 14, 2012.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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Brenda Sutherland, Acting City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
August 16, 2012	☒ City Attorney