



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Council Session

Item G9

**#2012-357 - Approving Bid Award - Tree Trimming Contract
2013-TT-1**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Meeting: December 18, 2012

Subject: Tree Trimming Contract 2013-TT-1

Item #'s: G-9

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

To help provide the required safe operation and maintenance clearances between power lines and trees, the Utilities Department contracts with private firms to help with tree trimming operations.

Specifications for Contract 2013-TT-1 were prepared for tree trimming services in ten areas throughout the Utilities Department's electrical transmission and distribution service area. Attached is a drawing showing the areas to be trimmed by outside contractors this year.

Discussion

The Contract's bidding documents were publicly advertised and sent to eight potential firms. The bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on December 4, 2012, in accordance with City Procurement Codes.

The project specifications provide that the City may select any or all sections to be awarded in this Contract, or the City may award all sections to a single Contractor, or award individual sections to multiple Contractors, whichever method provides the best and lowest overall bid. Bids were received from two firms that have previously worked on City projects.

	Asplundh Tree Expert Company of Urbandale, IA	Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, NE
Section 1	\$20,700.00	No Bid
Section 2	\$ 7,411.00	\$3,340.00
Section 3	\$ 7,417.00	\$3,750.00
Section 4	\$22,000.00	No Bid
Section 5	\$11,820.00	\$6,500.00
Section 6	\$22,079.00	No Bid
Section 7	\$13,783.00	\$5,500.00
Section 8	\$ 7,100.00	\$3,850.00
Section 9	\$12,890.00	\$5,200.00
Section 10	\$ 3,300.00	\$2,575.00

There were no exceptions taken by either bidder and they are qualified to do the contract work. All bids were evaluated and are in compliance with 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 award the tree trimming contract to individual contractors by section as provided for in the specifications in the following manner:

- Asplundh Tree Expert Company – Sections 1, 4, and 6 in the amount of \$64,779.00.
- Tom's Tree Service, Sections 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the amount of \$30,775.00.
- The award for all ten sections will be \$95,554.00. This is below the budgeted amount of \$150,000.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Tree Trimming Contract 2013-TT-1 to Asplundh Tree Expert Company and Tom's Tree Service based on the lowest bid for each individual section, for a total amount of \$95,554.00.



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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: December 4, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: Tree Trimming Contract 2013-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: November 8, 2012
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 8

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Asplundh</u>	<u>Tom's Tree Service</u>
	Willow Grove, PA	Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Travelers Casualty & Surety	Western Surety Company
Exceptions:	None	None
Bid Price:		
Section 1:	\$20,700.00	No Bid
Section 2:	\$ 7,411.00	\$ 3,400.00
Section 3:	\$ 7,417.00	\$ 3,750.00
Section 4:	\$22,000.00	No Bid
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Section 8:	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 3,850.00
Section 9:	\$12,890.00	\$ 5,200.00
Section 10:	<u>\$ 3,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,575.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$128,500.00</u>	<u>\$30,775.00</u>

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Tom Barnes, Utilities Eng. Mgr.

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Tree Trimming Contract 2013-TT-1

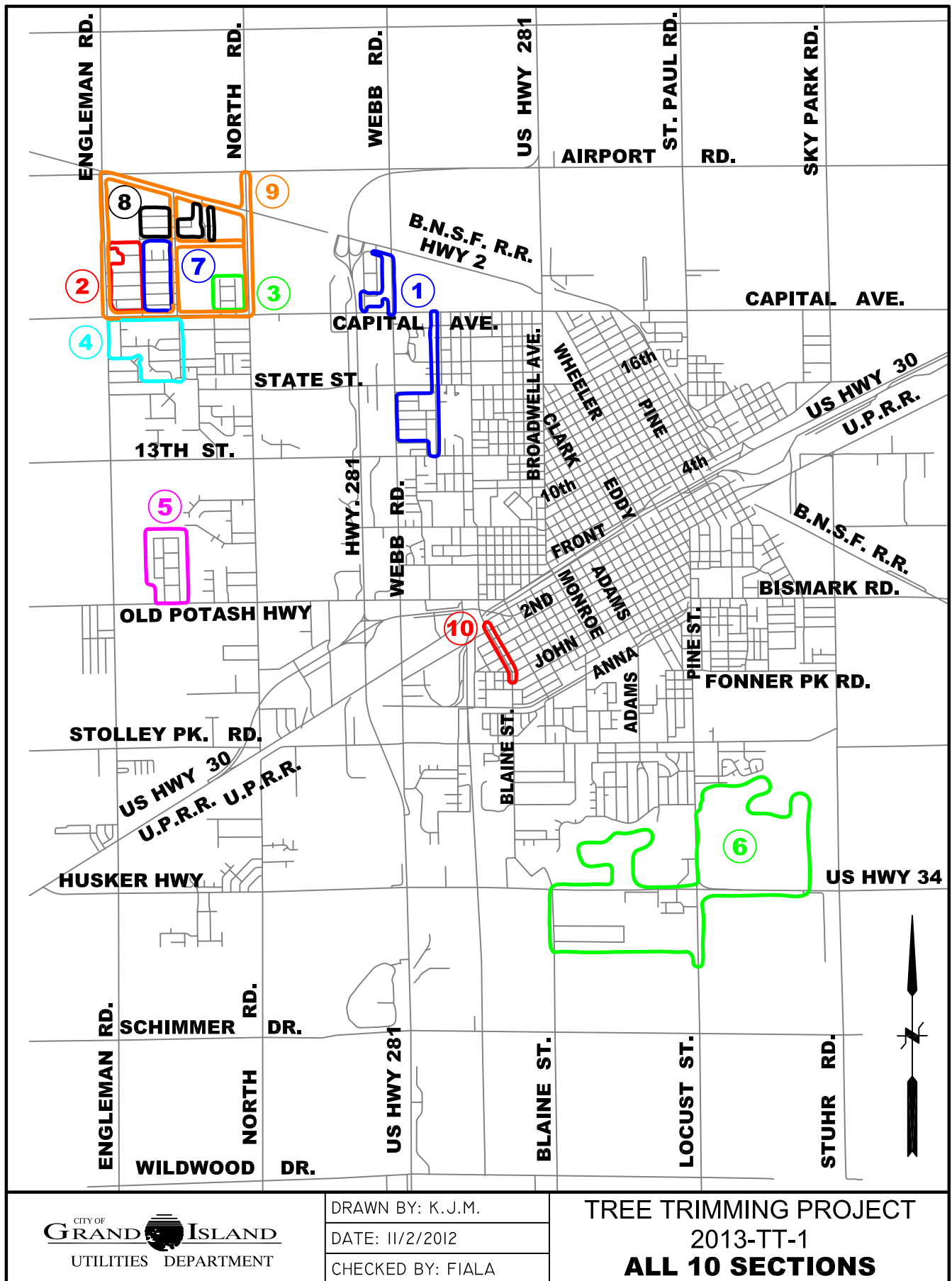
Bids Received 12/4/12

The City may select any or all sections to be awarded in this Contract.

or - The City may award to a single Contractor for all sections

or - award to multiple Contractors by individual section.

Section	Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Urbandale, IA 50322	Tom's Tree Service Grand Island, NE	Low Bid By Section
1	\$20,700.00		\$20,700.00
2	\$7,411.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
3	\$7,417.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
4	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00
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8	\$7,100.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00
9	\$12,890.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
10	\$3,300.00	\$2,575.00	\$2,575.00
Award by Low Bid Per Section	\$64,779.00	\$30,775.00	\$95,554.00



RESOLUTION 2012-357

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Tree Trimming Project 2013-TT-1 for the Utilities Department, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2012, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the requested work has been divided into 10 sections in order to achieve the best and lowest cost, and to expedite the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, Asplundh Tree Expert Company of Urbandale, Iowa, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and the plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$64,779.00 for Sections 1, 4, and 6 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and the plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$30,775.00 for Sections 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the combined total of the lowest bids for the above listed 10 sections represents the lowest responsible bid for said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The bid of Asplundh Tree Expert Company of Urbandale, Iowa, in the amount of \$64,779.00 for Sections 1, 4, and 6 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

2. The bid of Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$30,775.00 for Sections 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for this section.

A contract for such project be entered into between the City and such contractors; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contracts on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Approved as to Form	by _____
December 15, 2012	City Attorney

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 18, 2012.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk