

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (WPC) FACILITY ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR REHABILITATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

On June 14, 2011, the Ames City Council granted approval to issue a Notice to Bidders for the WPC Facility Electrical Switchgear Rehabilitation Project.

On July 15, 2011, the City of Ames received bids to provide all labor, equipment, materials, and other components necessary to complete the above-mentioned project according to City of Ames specifications.

A summary of all bids is as follows:

	Lump Sum Bid
Ziegler Power Systems, Altoona, IA	\$ 31,854
NAI Electrical Contractors, Ames, IA	\$ 57,750

The department budget for the project is \$100,000. The engineering consultant's contract was awarded at \$15,000. The engineer's estimate for rehabilitation is \$85,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the low lump sum bid of \$31,854 from Ziegler Power Systems of Altoona, Iowa to provide all labor, equipment, materials, and other components necessary to complete the WPC Facility Electrical Switchgear Rehabilitation Project.
2. Do not accept bids at this time for the above-mentioned project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The electrical switchgear is an integral and vital component of the Water Pollution Control Facility, assuring uninterrupted operation of the plant. It is in the city's best interest to maintain this unit in a high degree of reliability. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the low lump sum bid of \$31,854 from Ziegler Power Systems of Altoona, Iowa.