

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FUEL OIL PIPE INSTALLATION AT COMBUSTION TURBINE SITE

BACKGROUND:

On February 11, 2014, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the Fuel Oil Pipe Installation at Combustion Turbine Site. The project scope involves installing new double-walled carbon steel piping to replace the existing underground carbon steel piping that runs from the fuel oil storage tank to the fuel oil pump house.

Bid documents were issued to sixteen potential bidders. The bid was also advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage and a Legal Notice was published in the Ames Tribune. It was also sent to three plan rooms. **The bid due date was March 25, 2014, and the City did not receive any bids.**

Staff is in the process of trying to determine why bids were not received. The technical specifications will be reviewed along with discussions with the design engineer and plan holders to determine the reason no bids were submitted. This project will be rebid at a later date with potential changes to the specifications.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a. Accept the report of no bids.
b. Direct staff to rebid the project at a later date.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project is needed because all original lines installed in 1972 are subject to failure. This is the last section of pipe that needs to be replaced.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.