

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: VET MED SUBSTATION FEEDERS EXTENSION**

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 25, 2014, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the Vet Med Substation Feeder Extension project. The complete project will add a new underground feeder south to the ISU Research Park. This portion of the project is for the construction phase.

Bid documents were issued to fourteen potential bidders. The bid was advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage and a Legal Notice was published in the Ames Tribune. The bid was also sent to one plan room. The engineer's estimated cost of this project was \$300,000.

On April 30, 2014, three bids were received as shown below:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Tri-City Electric Company of Iowa Davenport, IA	\$170,786.97
Dig America, Inc. St. Cloud, MN	\$297,323.66
Michels Corporation Brownsville, WI	\$317,410.81

Staff reviewed the bids and concluded that the apparent low bid submitted by Tri-City Electric Company of Iowa, Davenport, IA, in the amount of \$170,786.97 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax) is acceptable.

To date the project budget has the following items encumbered:

<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>Amount budgeted for project</b>
\$17,334.00	Actual cost for 1200 amp switchgear – (Awarded by City Council on February 11, 2014)
<b><u>\$170,786.97</u></b>	<b>Actual cost for Vet Med Substation Feeder Extension construction portion – this agenda item (pending Council approval)</b>
\$188,120.97	Total project cost

The approved FY2013/14 Capital Improvements Plan for Electric Services includes \$300,000 for materials and construction of this project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a contract to Tri-City Electric Company of Iowa, Davenport, IA, for the Vet Med Substation Feeder Extension in the amount of \$170,786.97 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax).
2. Reject all bids and delay this project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project is necessary to extend feeder capacity from the Vet Med Substation to the ISU Research Park. This will provide capacity for new load growth and improve reliability to the Research Park and surrounding areas. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.**