

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY SWITCHGEAR CONTROLS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

On May 3, 2014, the City Council granted approval to issue a Notice to Bidders for the Water Pollution Control (WPC) Facility Switchgear Controls Replacement Project. On June 12, the City received bids to provide all labor, equipment, materials, and other components necessary to complete the replacement project according to City specifications. Lump sum bids were received as follows:

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| The Waldinger Corporation, Des Moines, IA | \$70,400 |
| Ziegler Power Systems, Altoona, IA | \$71,282 |
| Eaton Corporation, Lenexa, KS | \$136,918 |

This project is scheduled in the 2013/14 Amended Capital Improvements Plan as part of the WPC Electrical System Maintenance Project budgeted at \$117,500. The engineering consultant's contract has already been awarded in the amount of \$4,300, leaving \$113,200 available for the construction work.

All of these bids appear to be responsive. The lump-sum prices shown above include a bid alternate to install, wire, and configure ground fault sensors provided by the City. Staff recommends accepting this alternate. The Waldinger Corporation offered the lowest price on the base bid as well, and accepting the bid alternate does not alter which firm is the successful bidder.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the report of bids and accept the low lump-sum bid of \$70,400 for the base bid, plus the bid alternate, from The Waldinger Corporation of Des Moines, Iowa to provide all labor, equipment, materials, and other components necessary to complete the WPC Facility Switchgear Controls Replacement Project.
2. Receive the report of bids submitted and delay award of contract.
3. 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 and is necessary for the 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 as stated above.