

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **AMES POWER PLANT SWITCHYARD CONTROL PANELS**

BACKGROUND

On August 13, 2013, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for controls panels and related accessories to be installed as part of the "Ames Plant Switchyard Relay & Controls Upgrade" project. The Engineer's estimated cost of these control panels was \$350,000. A budget of \$1,700,000 is included in the 2013/14 CIP for the entire project.

On August 28, 2013, one bid was received and evaluated by Electric Services staff and an engineer from Dewild Grant Reckert & Associates (DGR) Company. Both concluded that the bid in the amount of \$198,469.55, submitted by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., of Pullman, WA, was acceptable. City Council awarded this bid to Schweitzer on September 10, 2013.

The control panels in the contract with Schweitzer have now been delivered, and the Project Engineer has provided a certificate of completion. The total contract amount payable is \$198,469.55.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Accept completion of the contract for the Ames Switchyard Control Panels with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., at a total cost of \$198,469.55, and authorize final payment to the contractor.
- 2) Delay acceptance of this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The contractor for the Ames Switchyard Control Panels has delivered all of the material specified under the contract. The Project Engineer has issued a certificate of completion on the work, and the City is legally required to make final payment.

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