

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: POWER PLANT FUEL CONVERSION – CONTROL ROOM
INSTALLATION GENERAL WORK CONTRACT – REPORT
OF NO BIDS**

BACKGROUND:

In November 2013 the City Council voted to convert the City's Power Plant from coal to natural gas. Implementing this decision requires a significant amount of engineering, installation of equipment, and modification and construction in the Power Plant.

On June 23, 2015, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the Control Room Installation General Work Contract. **This specific phase of the conversion project is to hire a contractor to perform the control room installation work.**

Bid documents for this project were issued to fifty-one companies. 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 five plan rooms. The Engineer's estimate of the cost for this phase of the project is \$925,000.

The bid due date was July 22, 2015, and the City did not receive any bids.

Staff is in the process of trying to determine why no bids were received. Staff will review the bid requirements along with discussions with the design engineer and plan holders to determine the reason no bids were received. This contract will be rebid at a later date and will likely include changes to the bid document.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. A. Accept the report of no bids.

B. Direct staff to rebid at a later date in accordance with recommendations from the design engineer.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This work will need to be rebid after discussions have been held with the design engineer to determine a future course of action. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.