

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: COMBUSTION TURBINE 1 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM - REPORT OF BIDS

BACKGROUND:

On July 28, 2015, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the Combustion Turbine 1 - Generator Preaction Sprinkler System, Carbon Dioxide System and Fire Alarm Upgrade. This specific project is to hire a contractor to furnish all labor, materials, system layout and equipment for a fully operating fire protection system (including automatic preaction sprinkler system, carbon dioxide system, and fire alarm system) in the Combustion Turbine No. 1 facility. The new system will protect all areas and be fully compliant with the applicable National Fire Protection standards and all other codes, regulations and laws applicable to the work.

Bid documents were issued to eighteen 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 two plan rooms. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$400,000.

On August 26, 2015, two bids were received as shown below.

BIDDER	LUMP SUM BID PRICE
Associated Fire Protection Omaha, NE	\$145,200.00
Summit Fire Protection Urbandale, IA	\$335,136.00

The specifications and bids are quite complex, and Electric Services staff feels that additional time is needed to evaluate each bid in order to recommend an award that best meets the City's needs.

Funding was originally approved by City Council in the FY 2012/13 Capital Improvements Plan in the Power Plant Fire Protection System Project. There is currently \$869,526 remaining in the Final Budget Amendments from the FY14/15 budget cycle for fire suppression projects at all power generation sites. This funding will be carried over to the FY15/16 budget to cover this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the report of bids and delay award for the GT1 Combustion Turbine - Generator Preaction Sprinkler System, Carbon Dioxide System and Fire Alarm Upgrade Turbine Control System.
2. Award a contract to the apparent low bidder.
3. Reject all bids and direct staff to rebid.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff needs additional time to fully evaluate the bids before recommending action by the City Council. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.