

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR ALUMINUM CABLE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

This bid is for the purchase of 30,000 feet of 15kV 1/0 stranded aluminum cable to replenish inventory for the Electric Services Department. Cable of this type is kept on hand in order to ensure availability for the needs of the department. Typically, this cable is used to provide service for commercial and residential applications and is necessary to meet the anticipated needs of the Electric Services Department for new construction and maintenance projects.

On August 18, 2021, a Request for Quotation (RFQ) was issued to 112 vendors. The RFQ was advertised on Ames Bids. On September 3, 2021, three bids were received as shown below:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>TOTAL COST*</b>
WESCO Distribution, Des Moines, IA	\$ 99,959.40
Border States, Ames, IA	\$144,450
RESCO, Ankeny, IA	\$144,771

**\*Price inclusive of 6% State of Iowa Sales Taxes Plus 1% Local Tax**

Staff reviewed the bids and concluded that the apparent low bid in the amount of \$99,959.40 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax) submitted by WESCO Distribution, is acceptable.

This cable is a standard Electric Services Department inventory item. Inventory items are purchased from an Electric Department inventory asset account and charged to the appropriate operations expense/project accounts as the materials are taken out of inventory and put into the various work orders.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a contract to Wesco Distribution, Des Moines, IA., for the purchase of Electric Services aluminum cable in accordance with bid in the amount of \$99,959.40 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax).
2. Award the bid to one of the other companies.
3. Reject all bids and attempt to purchase aluminum cable on an as needed basis.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Electric utility needs a supply of aluminum cable on hand to meet the needs of commercial and residential customers. The low bid for this cable is acceptable to Electric Services.

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