

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF MATERIALS PURCHASE FOR
THE GT1 MOTOR CONTROL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2007, City Council awarded a contract material purchase to Electrical Materials Company for the Gas Turbine 1 (GT1) Motor Control Center Replacement Project. The project consisted of replacing the obsolete motor control center in the GT1 Combustion Turbine Controls. This portion of the project was for equipment only. The installation was planned to be handled on a separate contract. A budget of \$378,000 was included in the FY2003-2004 Capital Improvements Plan for this project. The budget has been carried over from year to year until the project's completion.

There have been numerous problems and issues with this project since the original approval of plans and specifications back in the fall of 2005. There have been several contractors involved in this project (engineering, electrical work, materials, installation), and a number of instances of either rebidding, delays in award, or reworking of specifications. This acceptance of materials completion does not complete the overall project; since the installation contractor and the City are in the process of closing out that portion of the project. The contract with the electrical contractor has been previously accepted as complete.

The work included in the contract with Electrical Materials Company, Fort Dodge, IA, has now been completed. The Electric Services Director and the Power Plant Engineer have provided a certificate of completion. The total contract amount including applicable sales taxes is \$132,514.15.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Accept completion of the contract for the Ames GT1 Motor Control Center Replacement Project with Electrical Materials Company, Fort Dodge, IA, at a total cost of \$132,514.15 and make final payment to the contractor.
- 2) Delay acceptance of this project, and ask the staff for further information.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The contractor for the materials involved in the Ames GT1 Motor Control Center Replacement Project has completed the work under the contract. The Electric Services Director and Power Plant Engineer have issued a certificate of completion on the work, and the City is legally required to make final payment to the contractor.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving completion of the contract for the Ames GT1 Motor Control Center Replacement Project with Electrical Materials Company, Fort Dodge, IA, at a total cost of \$132,514.15 and make final payment to the contractor.