

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: VETERINARY MEDICINE (VET MED) SUBSTATION CAPACITOR BANK
FOUNDATION INSTALLATION**

BACKGROUND:

On June 12, 2012, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the Vet Med Substation capacitor bank foundation installation. Council may recall that this is the third time this project has been sent out for bid. The first two times the bids were issued the City did not receive any bid responses. The overall project is for the procurement and installation of two capacitor banks for the Vet Med Substation. This portion is for the installation of a new concrete foundation in the Vet Med Substation to support the capacitor banks.

Bid documents were issued to forty-three potential bidders. The bid was also advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage and a Legal Notice was published in the Ames Tribune. It was also sent to two plan rooms.

On June 27, 2012, four bids were received as shown below:

BIDDER	BID PRICE
Biermann's University Electric Co., Inc. Des Moines, IA	\$28,530.00
Stenberg Concrete Construction, Inc. Ames, IA	\$29,850.00
Larson Contracting Central LLC Lake Mills, IA	\$48,509.00
Dig America, Inc. St. Cloud, MN	\$142,775.30

Staff has concluded that the apparent low bid submitted by Biermann's University Electric Co., Inc., Des Moines, IA, in the amount of \$28,530.00 is acceptable.

The engineer's estimate for this portion of the overall project is estimated at \$75,000. In 2010/11, the CIP was adjusted to include \$350,000 for the Vet Med Substation Voltage Support project. These funds were recently approved for carryover to the 2011/12 Fiscal Year. Approximately \$117,218 remains in the budget for this work. The actual installation of the capacitor banks will be done by Electric Services staff.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Biermann's University Electric Co., Inc., Des Moines, IA, for the Vet Med Substation capacitor bank foundation installation in the amount of \$28,530.00.
2. Reject all bids and delay the installation of the foundation.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There has been and will continue to be an increase of electrical load at the Vet Med Substation as both the ISU Veterinary Medicine campus and the Research Park continue to grow and expand. Installation of the capacitor banks at the Vet Med Substation will provide voltage support and add capacity to the system at a needed load center, improving electric service in that area.

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