

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ELECTRIC SERVICES INVENTORY CABLE PURCHASE

BACKGROUND:

This bid is for the purchase of 20,000 feet of 1/0 stranded aluminum cable and 10,000 feet of 2/0 triplex aluminum cable to meet the annual construction needs of the Electric Services Department.

These cables are standard Electric Services Department inventory items. 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.

Bids for these materials were received on August 1, 2012, as shown on the attached report. All bids for cable are subject to reel length variances, usually 5% - 10%, to allow for factory over/under runs during production. Three bids were received as shown on the attached spreadsheet.

The Electric Engineering Manager has reviewed the bids and determined that the low bid from Wesco Distribution, Des Moines, Iowa, meets the needs of the Electrical Services Department. The low bid submitted is subject to a metals escalation/de-escalation factor that will be determined on the day of order placement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract for the purchase of 20,000 feet of 1/0 stranded aluminum cable and 10,000 feet of 2/0 triplex aluminum cable to the low bidder, Wesco Distribution, Des Moines, Iowa, subject to reel length variances, at an estimated total cost of \$60,200 plus applicable sales taxes.
2. Reject all bids and purchase cable on a spot basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This purchase will provide for the annual construction needs of the Electric Services Department for aluminum cable. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the award of contract to Wesco Distribution, Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$60,200, plus applicable sales taxes, subject to reel length variances for the purchase of 1/0 stranded aluminum cable and 2/0 triplex aluminum cable.

INVITATION TO BID 2013-013

BIDDERS	1/0 Stranded Aluminum Cable	Quantity 20,000 Feet	2/0 Triplex Aluminum Cable	Quantity 10,000 Feet	Total w/Tax	Notes
	Unit Cost	Total	Unit Cost	Total		
WESCO	\$2.4350	\$48,700.00	\$1.1500	\$11,500.00	\$64,414.00	Metal escalation/de-escalation at time of order placement
WESCO	\$2.6300	\$52,600.00	\$1.1500	\$11,500.00	\$68,587.00	Firm price bid, spec exceptions
RESCO	\$2.5437	\$50,874.00	\$1.4431	\$14,431.00	\$69,876.35	Metal escalation/de-escalation at time of order shipment