

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: COPPER CABLE PURCHASE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICES

BACKGROUND:

This bid is for the purchase of 6,000 feet of 15kV 500 KCMIL copper cable to replenish inventory for Electric Services. This cable is kept on hand in order to ensure availability for the department's needs. This cable is typically used to provide service for commercial and residential applications, and is necessary to meet the anticipated needs of Electric Services for new construction and maintenance projects.

On May 19, 2016, an invitation to bid (ITB) was issued to forty-eight vendors. The ITB was advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage.

On June 7, 2016, seven bids were received as shown below:

BIDDER	TOTAL COST
Kriz –Davis Co (bid #1) Ames, IA	Did not meet spec
Power Line Supply Williamsburg, IA	\$47,379.60
Graybar Jefferson City, MO	Did not meet spec
RESCO Ankeny, IA	\$48,292.95
Kriz –Davis Co (bid #2) Ames, IA	\$61,201.86
RESCO (bid #2) Ankeny, IA	\$62,143.46
Wesco Distributors Des Moines, IA	\$74,272.98

After bids were received staff learned that the specification issued with the bidding document was not correct. As a result, the bidders did not submit bids on the cable that Electric Services needs to purchase. Based on this staff recommends rejecting all bids received and rebidding with the correct specification.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reject all bids and direct staff to rebid.
2. Award the contract to one of the bidders. Of note, the apparent low bidder, Kriz – Davis Co (bid #1) did not meet the specifications of the bid document as it was sent out. If this alternative is chosen, staff recommends awarding the contract to Power Line Supply of Williamsburg, IA. This is the apparent low bidder that meets the outdated specifications that were included with the bid.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is important to purchase cable at the lowest possible cost with minimal risk to the City. It is also imperative to have this cable available to meet department's needs. The bid package was sent out using an older specification sheet. To correct this, the material should be re-bid using the most current specification sheet.

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