

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR 15kV 1/0 STRANDED ALUMINUM CABLE
FOR THE 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 May 25, 2018, an invitation to bid (ITB) was issued to 59 vendors. The ITB was advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage.

On June 5, 2018, two bids were received as shown below:

BIDDER	TOTAL COST
Wesco Distribution, Des Moines, IA	\$80,827.80
Nexgen Power, Gardena, CA	Non-Responsive

***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 \$80,827.80 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax) submitted by Wesco Distribution, is acceptable. The non-responsive bidder took exception to the specifications and offered unacceptable manufacturers' product per the specifications provided in the bid document.

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 \$80,827.80 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax).
2. Reject all bids and attempt to purchase aluminum cable on an as needed basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is important to purchase aluminum cable at the lowest possible cost with minimal risk to the City. It is also imperative to have aluminum cable available to meet department's needs for commercial and residential application. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.