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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: SCAFFOLDING AND RELATED SERVICES AND SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR
THE ELECTRIC POWER PLANT**

BACKGROUND:

This contract is for a contractor to provide and install scaffolding, bracing, and fall protection as needed at the City's Power Plant. Most of the larger contracts for work at the Plant require the contractor to provide scaffolding. **This contract provides for scaffolding and related work for emergency and routine maintenance and repair work at the Plant.**

On March 26, 2024, an Invitation to Bid was posted on AmesBids by the City's Purchasing Division. On April 25, 2024, five bids were received as shown on the attached bid report.

Electric Services staff completed evaluation of the bids. The bids include costs for a variety of trade workers to conduct work. To evaluate these bids, staff compared each firm's bid to a Base Case Cost for Typical Scaffolding Requirements Scenario and the hourly rates and unit prices bid. **Staff determined that the apparent low bid from Apache Industrial, La Vista, Nebraska, is acceptable.**

The benefits of having a contract for these services in place include the following:

1. Consistency of work and quality from a single contractor.
2. Reduction in the City's exposure to market forces regarding prices and availability for labor, travel, and supplies in preparation for a scheduled outage.
3. Rapid contractor mobilization to start emergency repairs, thus reducing generation downtime.
4. City staff time saving in obtaining quotes, evaluating bids, and preparing specifications and other procurement documentation.

The approved FY 2024/25 Power Plant operating budget includes \$140,000 for these services. Invoices will be based on contract rates for time and materials for services actually received.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the contract with Apache Industrial, La Vista, NE, for Scaffolding and Related Services and Supply Contract at the Power Plant for the one-year period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in an amount not-to- exceed \$140,000.
2. Award a contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Reject the bid and instruct staff to seek new competitive bids.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This contract is needed to carry out emergency and routine scaffolding services at the Power Plant. The contract will establish rates for service and provide for guaranteed availability, thereby setting in place known rates for service. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Scaffolding prices.pdf](#)