

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Motion to reject all bids for Bid No. 19104 for Waste Water Pump Station Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) Replacement and call for bids at a later date (CIP Plan No. S-16).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This motion will reject all bids for Bid No. 19104 for Waste Water Pump Station ATS Replacement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to reject all bids for Bid No. 19104 for Waste Water Pump Station ATS Replacement.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Waste Water Pump Station ATS Replacement Project is included in CIP Plan No. S-59 - On-site Power at Sewer Pump Stations. This project will increase waste water pump station reliability by replacing aging Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS) at six high priority waste water pump stations that have existing emergency generators. The ATS switches are 24 to 30 years old and are too large for City of Bellevue Telemetry staff to replace. Operations and Telemetry staff have indicated that replacement of these ATS switches will have a significant positive impact on increasing system reliability and therefore increase Utilities' ability to maintain our wastewater services to the community during storm events or other events that cause power outages.

Bids were opened on December 10 and are as follows. Please note, these bids include 10 percent Washington State sales tax on applicable bid items.

Colvico, Inc.	\$281,688.00
Northeast Electric, LLC	\$378,721.20

**Engineer's Estimate****\$256,399**

Staff are recommending that these bids received for the Waste Water Pump Station ATS Replacement project be rejected for the following reasons:

1. The apparent low bid from Colvico, Inc. exceeds the Engineers estimate by approximately 9 percent. In addition, the bid included mobilization cost of \$31,000 or 13.77 percent of the bid. This is almost three times the 5-percent maximum allowed for mobilization and should be disqualified.
2. The second lowest bid from Northeast Electric, LLC is approximately 47.7 percent above the engineers estimate.

For these reasons, staff recommends rejecting these bids and re-bidding the project in the near future to seek fully responsive, competitive bids.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

Utilities Department policies: To invest resources as necessary to construct, maintain and renew sewer system infrastructure and equipment such that Utility customers are provided consistent, reliable service.

Utilities Department practice: Rehabilitate or replace deteriorated elements of wastewater system. CIP Plan No. S-59 have been designated to do this.

Bellevue City Code: BCC Section 4.28.040 requires the City to competitively bid public works in accordance with the Code and state law. Council may reject any or all bids in its discretion and make further call for bids. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$90,000.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Rejecting this bid does not commit the City to a contract; however, approximately \$2,000 in labor, printing, and advertising costs have been expended to date.

If awarded, this bid would commit the City to a contract of \$281,688. There is insufficient budget in the Water Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement budget (CIP Plan No. S-59) to fully fund this contract as bid. Utilities will fund the shortage with savings from CIP Plan No. S-63 which has completed all projects and has a savings of \$447,000 identified.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Reject all bids for Bid No. 19104 for Waste Water Pump Station Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) Replacement and call for bids at a later date (CIP Plan No. S-16).
2. Award contract to low bidder and direct Staff to submit an Ordinance amending the 2019-2025 CIP plan.
3. Reject all bids and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A