

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Motion to reject the bid by Westwater Construction Company as a non-qualified bidder on Bid No. 20003, 124th Avenue NE Improvement Project, Seattle City Light (SCL) Transmission Tower Replacements (CIP Plan No. PW-R-191).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Motion will reject the bid by Westwater Construction Company as a non-qualified bidder on Bid No. 20003 for the 124th Avenue NE Improvement Project, SCL Transmission Tower Replacements (CIP Plan No. PW-R-191). This project will replace the existing two SCL lattice towers with two monopoles on the west side of 124th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street to Ichigo Way.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to reject the bid by Westwater Construction Company on Bid No. 20003 for 124th Avenue NE Improvement project, Seattle City Light (SCL) Transmission Tower Replacements.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The 124th Avenue NE Improvement project, SCL Transmission Tower Replacements is a part of the 124th Avenue NE, Ichigo Way to Northup Way Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-191). These projects are part of the BelRed Plan and Transportation vision of supporting planned growth and economic vitality, improving access and circulation, and capturing synergistic opportunities with Sound Transit's East Link Project.

The 124th Avenue NE corridor improvements will be implemented in three phases: NE 12th Street to NE Spring Blvd; NE Spring Boulevard to Ichigo Way; and Ichigo Way to Northup Way. The first phase between NE Spring Boulevard and Ichigo Way is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2020.

The 124th Avenue NE Improvements Project, SCL Transmission Tower Replacements, will replace two existing SCL lattice towers with two monopole towers between NE 12th Street and Ichigo Way. This is needed to provide space for construction of future phases of 124th Avenue NE roadway improvement projects planned for late 2020 and 2021.

Following verification of bid submittals, the only bid received was as follows:

Westwater Construction	\$2,398,958
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,090,179

This bid is being rejected because the bidder did not meet the qualifications required to do the work. Also, the bid was more than double the Engineer's Estimate for this contract. Staff believes that a probable reason for only one bid is the lack of awareness of the City's advertisement by other qualified contractors. This is a highly specialized kind of work, which is not commonly advertised by municipalities such as Bellevue. Also, the high bid for this project was due to the limited number of bids. Staff believes that re-advertising the construction contract, and making qualified contractors aware of the advertisement, will result in multiple bids that are closer to the Engineer's Estimate.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan

Overall: S-BR-4: Developing and implementing a phased approach so that transportation, open space, and other infrastructure is in place or committed to serve the needs of growth.

Implementation: S-BR-78: Implementing the BelRed Plan through capital investments and other public and private strategies.

Fiscal Impact

Rejecting this bid will not obligate the City to a contract. Rejection of the bid will result in minimal costs to prepare the contract for rebid. Sufficient funds exist in PW-R-191 to cover the costs to repackage the contract documents.

OPTIONS

1. Reject the bid by Westwater Construction Company as a non-qualified bidder on Bid No. 20003, 124th Avenue NE Improvement Project, SCL Transmission Tower Replacements (CIP Plan No. PW-R-191) and re-advertise bid at a later date.
2. Do not reject the bid and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description (PW-R-191)

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N/A