

# Agenda Report

**To:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE** July 28, 2003

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR PROVIDING LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL CONDUIT SYSTEMS, VAULTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORK FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids for providing labor and materials for construction of electrical conduit systems, vaults and other miscellaneous work for the Water and Power Department.

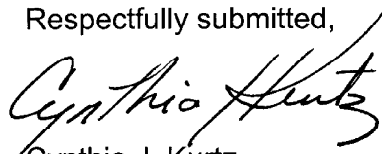
## BACKGROUND

Specifications for providing labor and materials for construction of electrical conduit systems were issued on June 12, 2003. On June 24, 2003, responses from a total of five bidders were received and opened in the City Clerk's office. Subsequently, questions raised by one of the respondents relative to certain bid items prompted staff to reexamine the specifications. Based on this review, it was determined that the specifications did not provide sufficient information for bidders to provide a firm, fixed price. Accordingly, rather than recommend the award of a contract at this time, staff recommends that the City Council reject all bids. The specifications will be redrafted to remove any ambiguity and reissued.

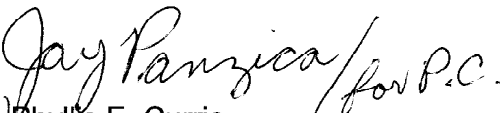
FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of reissuing and rebidding the specifications is negligible.

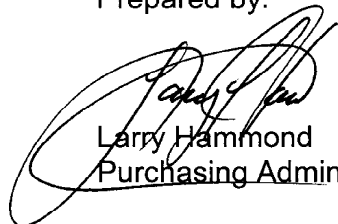
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