

# Agenda Report

**To:** City Council

Date: June 25, 2001

**From:** City Manager

**Subject:** Authorization to enter into contracts with G & W Electric Company and Canada Power Products Corporation for furnishing and delivering 15kV SF-6 Gas Insulated Switch and Resettable Fault Interrupter for the Water and Power Department.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) accept the bid dated May 1, 2001, submitted by G & W Electric Company, in response to Item I, 4-Way and 5-Way 15kV 600A, SF-6 Gas Insulated Load Break Switch;
- (2) accept the bid dated April 26, 2001, submitted by Canada Power Products Corporation, in response to Item II, 15kV 200A SF-6 Gas Insulated Resettable Fault Interrupter;
- (3) reject all other bids; and
- (4) authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a Purchase Order Contract not to exceed \$110,239.08 and \$83,106.00 with three optional one-year extensions each not to exceed \$115,000.00 and \$86,000.00 respectively per year.

## BACKGROUND

In the normal course of providing electrical service to its customers, the Water and Power Department requires a variety of switches and interrupters for its electrical distribution system. The Load Break Switch is used for connection between the main and the branch circuits of the electrical distribution network; the Resettable Fault Interrupter is used for protection of large distribution transformers in the customer's transformer vault. The switches and interrupters purchased under these contracts will be used for both upcoming projects and future new construction.

In response to the Notice Inviting Bids, five submittals were opened on May 2, 2001. The bid prices are listed as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Price</u> <u>Item I</u>	<u>Bid Price</u> <u>Item II</u>
Canada Power Products Corporation	\$155,790.00	<b>\$ 83,106.00</b>
G & W Electric Company	<b>\$110,239.08</b>	\$ 78,247.20
Powell Esco	\$130,839.00	\$142,595.00
Southwest Power bid no.1	\$153,530.16	\$159,030.00
Southwest Power bid no.2	\$163,990.33	\$ 87,480.00

For Item I, G & W Electric Company has submitted the lowest price bid and has also met all the requirements listed in the Specification.

For Item II, the bid submitted by G & W Electric Company did not meet the Specification's requirements and therefore was deemed unresponsive. The Specification requested a component of the Interrupter that can provide a more accurate current metering. The second lowest price bid submitted by Canada Power Products Corporation was evaluated to have met all the requirements of the Specification.

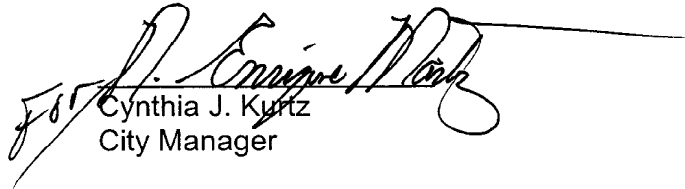
It is recommended that the City Council authorize contracts with G & W Electric Co. for Item I and with Canada Power Products Corporation for Item II based on these bids.

G & W Electric Co and Canada Power Products Corporation have submitted the required affirmative action forms. The proposed contracts are in compliance with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance P.M.C. 4.09, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

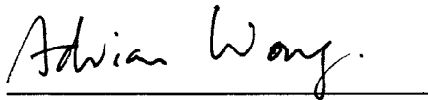
**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this project are available from the Power Fund, Fiscal Year 2002, Capital Improvement Program, Budget Account No. 3001, "Service from Utility Underground System Private Property Vault" and Account No. 3002, "Distribution System Expansion."

Respectfully submitted,

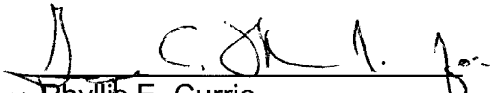
  
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