

# Agenda Report

August 16, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Water and Power Department  
**SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF LOW VOLTAGE WIRE AND CABLES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Reject all bids received by March 30, 2021 in response to Specification LD-21-25 for Secondary Wire and Cable.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Water and Power Department ("PWP") developed Specification LD-21-25 for the purchase of secondary wire and cable. The specification listed 32 different types of low voltage cables and wires, and required vendors to submit bids for all 32 items to be considered responsive.

On January 28, 2021, a Notice Inviting Bids for the specification was published in the Pasadena Press and Pasadena Journal. The invitation was also published on PlanetBids, which generated notices to all vendors previously registered with the City for this particular commodity class. A total of 32 vendors downloaded the specification of which two were local. A total of three bids were received by the bid opening date, none from local vendors. Two of three vendors submitted partial bids and were deemed non-responsive per the specifications while one responsive bid was received.

In order to increase competition between perspective bidders, staff respectfully requests that the City Council reject all bids so that the specifications can be revised and reposted. Specifically, staff proposes to group items into multiple categories which will allow vendors to bid on one or more specific areas of specialization. Multiple contracts may result from this new effort which will also encourage a greater vendor response. The revised specification is expected to be completed and advertised by October 2021.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines statutorily exempt from CEQA "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves." The rejection of bids for the purchase of secondary wire and cable for PWP is statutorily exempt from CEQA per these Sections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

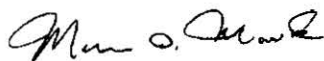
Respectfully submitted,



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