

Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL

Date: September 13, 1999

From: CITY MANAGER

Subject: Authorization to Enter a Purchase Order Contract with The Okonite Company for Furnishing and Delivering of Single Conductor Triplexed Insulated Cable for the Water and Power Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council: (i) accept the bid dated August 17, 1999, submitted by The Okonite Company, in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the delivery of single conductor triplexed insulated cable; (ii) reject all other bids; (iii) authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$383,879.09.

BACKGROUND:

The cable is 35kV 750 kcmil triplexed ethylene propylene rubber insulated conductors, to replace two existing lead cable transmission lines, designated as Line 34-4 and Line 34-7. These lines connect the Receiving Station D and Chester and Oak Knoll Distribution Substations. This line has been in service since the early 1960s. The age of these lines exceeds the manufacturer's predicted useful life of thirty-five years. The Pasadena Water and Power Department proposes to replace all similar lead cable transmission lines to minimize the occurrence of cable failures.

In response to the Notice Inviting Bids, six companies received the Specifications. The bid opening date was August 17, 1999. Bids were received from five companies with prices listed below:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID PRICE</u>
Pirelli Cables	\$358,511.01
The Okonite Company	\$383,879.09
Southwest Power	\$421,319.83
King Wire Inc.	\$428,799.90
ASCI	\$736,758.00

Pirelli Cables was the apparent low bidder but took some exceptions from the specifications and therefore, was considered as non-responsive.

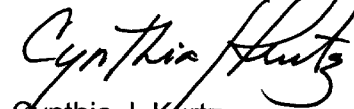
It is recommended that the City Council authorize a purchase order with The Okonite Company on the basis of being the lowest, responsive bidder complying with the Specifications.

The Okonite Company has submitted the required affirmative action forms. The proposed purchase order is in compliance with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance P.M.C. 4.09 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

FISCAL IMPACT:

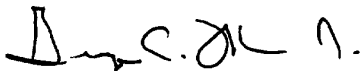
Funds for the cable are available from the 2000 Fiscal Year Electrical Systems Capital Improvement Budget for the Power Division, under account number 3137, Lead Cable Replacement.

Respectfully submitted,



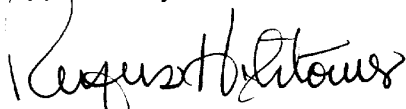
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