



Agenda Item: Bid Award

Title: Bid Rejection – Wastewater Treatment Plant Ditch Cleaning Project

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to reject all bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Ditch Cleaning project.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

The City of Laramie Purchasing Policy, 2020-07

“The City Manager shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding bids received. Contracts or purchases shall be rejected or approved by resolution of the City Council. The City Council may reject all bids if none of the bid responses are found to be in the public interest.”

Background:

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Ditch Cleaning project occurs every 5-7 years to remove the accumulated sludge and foreign material that collects on the floor of the ditches over time. The accumulated material diminishes the efficiency of the treatment process and can have a negative effect on the quality of the wastewater effluent. As part of the cleaning project, the air diffusers are changed which are critical to the treatment process. The last time the ditches were cleaned was in the summer of 2015.

Staff solicited bids for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Ditch Cleaning project in accordance with the City of Laramie Purchasing Policy. Bids were received on February 23, 2021, with the following results:

Redi-Services	\$254,018.06
Lillard & Clark of WY	\$257,000.00

In the Project Manual, Instructions to Bidders IB-9. Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Others subsection 9.4 states” Bidder shall not award Work to any Subcontractors or Subcontractors in excess of 50% of the total bid price without prior written approval of Owner. In the event Bidder intends to subcontract Work in excess of 50%, the identity of the Subcontractor.”

Contractors have indicated a subcontracted amount of 100% and 80% of the Bid price in their submission of the subcontractors and supplier’s submittal. Staff is requesting the bids be rejected based on the subcontracted amount being over 50% without prior approval and State Statute 16-6-103. The intent is to re-bid the project later this year with the project completed in the fall of 2021.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

WY Stat § 16-6-103 (2017)

Limitation on subcontracting by resident contractors. A successful resident bidder shall not subcontract more than thirty percent (30%) of the work covered by his contract to nonresident contractors.

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**REVENUE**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service	\$300,000.00	WWPDCL 510-8020-432-7900
Grants for Projects		
Loans on Project		
Other		
Total	\$300,000.00	

Responsible Staff:

Brooks Webb, Public Works Director

Cal Van Zee, Utility Division Manager