

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: JUNE 27, 2016

ITEM NO: 4

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO STOTZ EQUIPMENT OF MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA, FOR A CABLE IN CONDUIT CABLE REMOVER AND TRAILER, BID RPU-7391, FOR \$156,717.72

ISSUE:

The issue for Board of Public Utilities consideration is approval of the award of a purchase order to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Stotz Equipment, for a Cable in Conduit Cable Remover and Generator.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Public Utilities approve the award of a Purchase Order for \$156,717.72 to Stotz Equipment of Montclair, California, for a Cable in Conduit Cable Remover and Trailer.

BACKGROUND:

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) operates approximately 296 miles of Cable in Conduit (CIC) cable. Cable failures are the source of lengthy outages affecting our customers. Removing faulted or aging cable from a buried underground residential distribution system is crucial to RPU's operations. Currently, when a faulted cable is stuck underground, digging or trenching is the preferred method to remove it. However, the result is costlier repairs to damaged private property, streets, and sidewalks, as well as partially blocked roadways, which often lead to traffic back-ups. In the end, digging or trenching hampers our goal to restore power quickly to RPU customers.

Southern California Edison owns a CIC Cable Remover and uses it to great benefit. Not only has it proven to work well for them, it has been cost effective, reducing on-the-job hours. More importantly, it has enabled them to restore service to their customers in a timelier manner.

A CIC Cable Remover is specialized equipment that performs the task of removing underground cable quickly, and with much less disruption or damage to city streets, sidewalks, and privately owned property. It eliminates excessive digging or trenching to remove stuck conductors or broken cables. This capability will save RPU time, and reduce costs when replacing cable.



CIC Cable Remover and Extractor



Trailer

Bid RPU-7391 posted on April 18, 2016 and closed April 22, 2016. Only one vendor submitted a bid for the specified CIC Cable Remover and Trailer. Staff evaluated the bid and deemed Stotz Equipment of Montclair, CA to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid was within the engineer's estimated amount of \$160,000.

Vendors:	Bid Amount	Evaluation
1. Stotz Equipment	\$156,717.72	Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
➤ <i>Engineer's Cost Estimate</i>	\$160,000	

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs that the recommended actions comply with the City of Riverside's Purchasing Resolution No. 22576.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds are available in Public Utilities' Capital Account No. 6105000-462100.

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