



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Board Memorandum

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

DATE: JULY 8, 2024

SUBJECT: BID NO. RPU – 8058 FOR THE GENERAL ORDER 165 OVERHEAD ELECTRIC INSPECTION PROGRAM WITH OSMOSE UTILITIES SERVICES, INC. OF PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,529,780 INCLUDING A 10% OR \$152,978 CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY; WORK ORDER NO. 2427296 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,683,000

ISSUES:

Consider awarding Bid No. RPU-8058 for the General Order 165 Overhead Electric Inspection Program to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. of Peachtree City, Georgia, for a five-year term, in the amount of \$1,529,780 with a 10% change order authority and approve Work Order No. 2427296 for \$1,683,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Award Bid No. RPU-8058 to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. of Peachtree City, Georgia for a five-year term in the amount of \$1,529,780;
2. Authorize additional change order authority to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of 10% or \$152,978 of the original contract price for Bid No. RPU-8058;
3. Approve the expenditure for Work Order No. 2427296 in the amount of \$1,683,000; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project described herein, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies.

BACKGROUND:

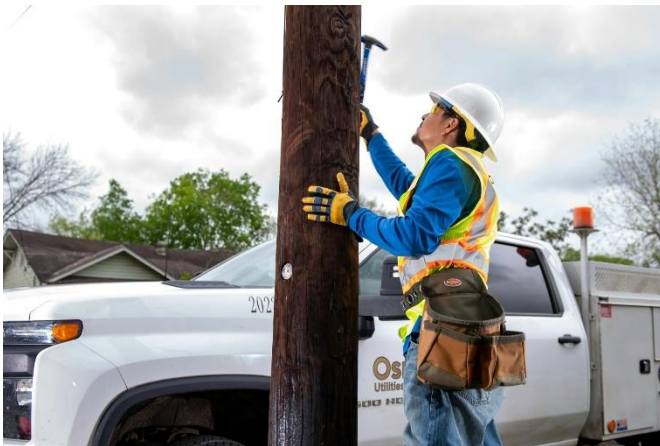
On March 31, 1997, the State of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted General Order 165 (G.O.165) imposing on investor-owned utilities standards for the inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement of electric utility distribution facilities. The standards established minimum inspection requirements for certain electric distribution facilities, including maximum allowable inspection cycle lengths, condition rating, record keeping, reporting on scheduling and performance of corrective action.

In March of 1998, the CPUC recommended that all publicly owned utilities comply with the requirements of G.O.165. Although Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is not regulated by the CPUC, RPU has chosen to comply with these standards as they represent good industry practice.

DISCUSSION:

To comply with G.O. 165, the Contractor will be conducting detailed inspections of 22,900 poles and 11,450 intrusive inspections on the overhead electric system. The scope of work also includes rating the condition of the asset; minor maintenance items for regulatory infractions of overhead electrical equipment; and collecting data for pole loading analysis of 9,200 wood poles. The Contractor will perform inspections over a five-year contract. The five-year period will cover the G.O. 165 required inspection cycle for detailed inspections. RPU will use the inspection results to prioritize the repair and maintenance activities to improve safety and reliability of the overhead electrical distribution system.

Customers will be notified in advance of routine overhead inspections in the area. There are no anticipated electrical service disruptions as part of this inspection program. If inspection results require service disruptions, outages will be coordinated with customers and notifications will be sent in advance.



Typical pole evaluation



Internal pole decay

On December 14, 2023, Bid RPU-8058 was posted to PlanetBids with a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for January 10, 2024, and had six (6) contractors attended. Prior to bid closing on February 1, 2024, RPU received 28 questions and answers and issued two (2) addenda. One vendor submitted a bid for the inspection program. Upon Purchasing Division review for responsiveness, it was determined that the overhead inspection Bid RPU-8058 be awarded to Osmose Utilities Services.

Bid No. RPU-8058 Bidding Notification Summary Table

| Action | Number of Vendors |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| External Vendors Notified | 500 |
| City of Riverside Vendors Notified | 463 |
| Vendors Who Downloaded the Bid | 45 |
| Bids Received | 1 |

The bid is summarized in the table below:

Bid summary table:

| Vendors | City Location | Bid Amount | Rank |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------|
| Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. | Peachtree City, GA | \$1,529,780 | 1 |
| ➤ <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | | \$4,200,000 | |

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended action complies with Purchasing Resolution No. 24101.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority No. 6 Infrastructure, Mobility and Connectivity and Goal No. 6.2** – Maintain, protect, and improve assets and infrastructure within the City's built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – A public facing project website will be deployed for this project conveying key information about the project to the community.
2. **Equity** – RPU endeavors to provide safe and reliable electric service to all its customers. Since RPU's electric system is an interconnected network, investments made in individual parts of the system improve the reliability of the overall system, thereby providing an equitable benefit to all customers.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – RPU is a prudent steward of public funds and uses efficient practices to complete its work while also providing quality public services.
4. **Innovation** – A collaborative and innovative approach will be used to inspect the poles in such a way to minimize potential disruptions to the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The inspection of overhead equipment ensure reliability of the electric system and provides a proactive approach to equipment failure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact \$1,683,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Public Utilities Account No. 6105000-421000.

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| Certified as to availability of funds: | Kristie Thomas, Finance Director/Assistant Chief Financial Officer |
| Approved by: | Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager |
| Approved as to form: | Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney |

Attachments:

1. Agreement
2. Project Map
3. Bid Award Recommendation
4. Presentation