



COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2005
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: PROJECT 04-64 - INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHILLER/COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
ADOPT RESOLUTION TO REJECT BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHILLER/COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) to reject bids for the installation of the equipment for the Chiller/Cooling Tower Replacement and authorize staff to rebid the project.

BACKGROUND:

During the Council legislative recess in July, the Town Manager approved the plans and specifications for the installation of equipment for the Chiller/Cooling Tower Replacement and authorized staff to advertise the project for bids.

On August 31, 2005, sealed bids were received from Therma, Ray L. Hellwig Plumbing, and O. C. McDonald Company that produced one properly completed bid package. The Council, at its meeting of September 6, 2005, rejected the bid that was deemed unacceptable on the basis of cost far in excess of the project budget.

Staff rebid this project, and only one bid was received by the Clerk Administrator on November 16, 2005 from Foothill Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$448,000.00. This bid was deemed unacceptable on the basis of cost far in excess of the project budget.

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DISCUSSION:

The project involves the installation of the replacement Chiller and Cooling Tower purchased by the Town under the Federal GSA purchase program. The project will also include the removal and replacement of the existing main air handling unit, domestic hot water storage tank, associated asbestos, abatement, and the removal of inoperative and unused HVAC components.

Staff contacted a number of other HVAC contractors and inquired as to why they did not bid on this project. It appeared that most contractors are doing large projects which had to be completed by the end of December and that they would be bidding on our project after December. Staff has determined that it would be more prudent to rebid this project again to receive a better cost.

If authorized by the Council, further project scope assessment will be accomplished by staff and the consulting engineer and a recommendation will be made and re-advertised for a contract to be awarded on January 17, 2006. Staff anticipates the actual installation to start in February 2006 and be completed by April 2006.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Sections 15301 (c) and 15304(b) of the State CEQA guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Council reject the bids for the installation of equipment for the Chiller/Cooling Tower Replacement.

Attachments:

Resolution to reject bids for the installation of equipment for the Chiller/Cooling Tower Replacement

