

Late Backup

AGENDA ITEM 44

PROPOSED AWARD CONTRACT TO TWO VENDORS FOR CLEARING TREES FROM ELECTRICAL LINES

Contract to be awarded to two lowest responsible bidders or two bids in best interest of City

Davey was one of two lowest cost vendors bidding but was not selected

COSTS BID TO CLEAR ELECTRICAL LINES

Lowest (Asplundh)	\$3.30 per foot (routine line clearance) 1.40 per foot (light trimming along lines)
2 nd lowest (Davey)	\$4.00 per foot (routine line clearance) 2.00 per foot (light trimming along lines)
Highest (Wright)	\$4.40 per foot (routine line clearance) 2.25 per foot (light trimming along lines)

ACTUAL PAST COST TO CITY TO CLEAR ELECTRICAL LINES

(Based on City's own data under most recent 5 year contract)*

Lowest (Davey)	\$15,771 per mile
2 nd lowest (Asplundh)	\$16,771 per mile
Unknown (Wright)	no prior experience in City

* In bidding on previous five year contract awarded in 2006, Asplundh's bid was 12.4 % lower than Davey's **but Davey actually performed its work (routine line clearance and light trimming) at a 6.3 % lower cost to the City than Asplundh.** The City's own data demonstrates that the lowest hourly rate bid is not necessarily the lowest bid to complete the work.

Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code requires municipalities awarding contracts based on competitive sealed bidding to award the contract to the "lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides . . . the best value for the municipality." (emphases added).

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION BID*

Most (Davey)	MBE 7.1 %	WBE: 2.5 %	MBE/WBE Total: 9.6 %
Second (Asplundh)	MBE: 7.07 %	WBE: 1.57 %	MBE/WBE Total: 8.64 %
Least (Wright)	MBE: 1.40 %	WBE: 0.16%	MBE/WBE Total: 1.56 %