

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 28, 2010

Board Item: 2-A-1

Tabulation of Bids for Insert Lid for Recessed Meter Pit Lid

Action by Consent

Action

Information

The insert being purchased is to support the program, now in effect, to replace the oldest of the Encoder-Receiver-Transmitters (ERTs) in the system. The Model 40W ERTs that Denver Water began installing in late 2000 had batteries with an expected battery life of about 10 years. Some of those devices have already failed, and many more will fail during the next two years. Denver Water is at the beginning of a 3-year program to replace approximately 80,000 of the Model 40W devices with the newer Model 60W ERTs, which have a battery life of approximately 20 years.

The inserts are required to adapt existing recessed meter pit lids to the new design of Itron ERTs. Mounting the new ERTs below the recessed lid creates a potential tripping hazard. The insert fills in the recess occupied by the old ERT while providing a convenient mounting system for the ERT within the lid.

Requests for bids were downloaded by twelve potential bidders, and faxed to eight SBE organizations, with two responding per the attached tabulation. None of the respondents were SBE's. The low bid submitted by National Meter & Automation, Inc. is, on average, 47% lower than the previous contract.

The previous contract, at the time, was a sole source and was awarded to Nicor, Inc., on June 1, 2009.

Funds are included in the 2010 Budget and will be included in the 2011 Budget for these expenditures (MPC 5QA0002).

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board authorize award of Contract No. 12927A to National Meter & Automation, Inc., for insert lids for recessed meter pit lids for the contract period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$160,000.00.

Approvals:

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