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**RESOLUTION NO. 6357**

*WHEREAS*, sealed bids were requested and advertised, as required by law, for the following:

***REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 5654  
SPRING 2020 FIBER OPTIC GROUND WIRE INSTALLATIONS***

*WHEREAS*, bids were received and opened at the time and place mentioned in the published notices and the Director – Supply Chain Management supervised the tabulations, which have been submitted to this Board; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Directors has carefully considered the bids submitted, as well as the recommendations of the District’s Management and General Counsel.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District that Management hereby is authorized and directed to accept the proposal of Watts Electric Company for the procurement of construction services to add fiber optic ground wire to existing transmission lines and structure replacements, as set forth in Request for Proposal No. 5654, in the amount of \$1,649,661.40, and the bond of such bidder hereby is approved.



# Board Action

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 14, 2020

### ITEM

Award Spring 2020 Fiber Optic Ground Wire Installations

### PURPOSE

Board of Directors authorization to award a contract for construction services to add fiber optic ground wire to existing transmission lines to support the Fiber Network Expansion (FNE) project and relocate transmission structures to support a customer project.

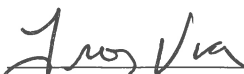
### FACTS

- a. FNE is a four-year project to upgrade communications circuits now leased from local telecommunications providers who plan to discontinue support of these aging facilities. The facilities, used mostly to ensure reliability and the ability to monitor and control energy delivery facilities, will be replaced with a combination of technologies including Fiber Optic Ground Wire (OPGW) installed on transmission lines across the OPPD territory. Upgrades are anticipated to be complete by the end of 2020.
- b. Two 161kV structures are required to be relocated to support a customer project.
- c. Construction labor including the following:
  1. Removal of existing ground wire and existing hardware.
  2. Installation of fiber optic ground wire and hardware.
  3. Structure removal and replacement.
  4. Wire stringing.
- d. Three proposals were received. All three proposals are legally and technically responsive.
- e. Construction will begin February 2020 and conclude May 2020.
- f. The bid from Watts Electric Company was evaluated to be the lowest and best bid.

### ACTION

Authorization by the Board to award a labor contract to Watts Electric Company for the evaluated amount of One Million, Six Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Forty Cents (\$ 1,649,661.40) based on the evaluation of RFP No. 5654 – “Spring 2020 Fiber Optic Ground Wire Installations” for the procurement of construction services to add fiber optic ground wire to existing transmission lines and structure replacements.

### RECOMMENDED:

  
Troy Via

### APPROVED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

  
Timothy J. Burke

TRV:sjh

Attachments: Analysis of Proposals  
Tabulation of Bids  
Legal Opinion  
Resolution

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Omaha Public Power District

## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 19, 2019

From: D. D. Buelt

To: T. R. Via

RFP No. 5654  
"Spring 2020 Fiber Optic Ground Wire Installations"  
Analysis of Proposals

### 1.00 GENERAL

RFP No. 5654 was advertised for bid on November 12, 2019.

This contract will procure construction services for transmission system modifications including fiber optic ground wire installation, structural upgrades to support the addition of fiber optic ground wire, transmission structure relocations, and maintenance work.

Construction is scheduled to begin February 4, 2020 and conclude by May 29, 2020.

Two (2) Addendums were issued. Addendum No. 1 provided additional distribution drawings and a Google Earth .kmz file of the project location. Addendum No. 2 corrected bid unit quantities in the bid form.

Bids were requested and opened at 2:00 p.m., C.S.T., Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Three total proposals were received. The proposals received are summarized in the table below:

Bidder	Lump Sum Firm Price	Legally Responsive	Technically Responsive
Watts Electric Company	\$ 1,649,661.40	Yes	Yes
F.B. Timberline	\$ 3,070,021.40	Yes	Yes
The L.E. Myers Co.	\$ 3,326,694.61	Yes	Yes

### 2.00 COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT TERMS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The District's legal counsel noted the proposal response from The L.E. Myers Co. included minor revisions to certain contract provisions, however the alternate terms are minor, thus the proposal was deemed legally responsive.

The two remaining proposals were deemed to be legally responsive.

### 3.00 COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

All proposals were deemed to be technically responsive.

### 4.00 RECOMMENDATION

On the basis of compliance with the legal and technical requirements of the specifications, cost evaluations performed and guaranteed completion dates, it is recommended that RFP No. 5654, "Spring 2020 Fiber Optic Ground Wire Installations" be awarded to Watts Electric Company for the evaluated amount of One Million, Six Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Forty Cents (\$ 1,649,661.40).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dannie Buel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dannie Buel, P.E.  
Director Engineering  
Energy Delivery

<p align="center"><b>TABULATION OF BIDS</b>  Opened at 2:00 p.m., C.S.T., Tuesday,  December 10, 2019, in Omaha, Nebraska</p>	<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 5654</b>  <b>Spring 2020 Fiber Optic Ground Wire Installation</b></p> <p align="right">Page 1 of 1</p>		<p align="center"><i>Timothy D. McCreary</i>  Director  Supply Chain Management</p> <p align="center"><i>Nikolai Larson</i>  Compiled by and Certified Correct</p>
<p align="center">Anticipated Award Date  January 16, 2020</p>			
<p align="center">ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE   \$1,600,000.00</p>			
<p align="center">BID ITEM</p>	<p align="center"><b>BIDDER'S NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b></p>		
	<p align="center">Watts Electric Company  13351 Dovers Street  Waverly, NE 68462</p>	<p align="center">Forbes Bros. Timberline  Construction, Inc.  2326 Dyess Avenue  Rapid City, SD 57701</p>	<p align="center">The L.E. Meyers Co  1405 Jackson Street  Marshalltown, IA 50158</p>
<p><b>1. <u>Price Proposal:</u></b></p> <p>Lump sum firm price to perform all Work as specified</p>  <p><b>2. <u>Completion Guarantee(s):</u></b></p> <p>Start OPGW Installations  February 4, 2020</p> <p>Complete OPGW Installations  May 29, 2020</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPPLIER'S BID</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPPLIER'S BID</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPPLIER'S BID</b></p>
	<p align="center"><u>\$1,649,661.40</u></p>  <p align="center"><u>Guaranteed Completion Date</u></p> <p align="center">February 4, 2020</p>  <p align="center">May 29, 2020</p>	<p align="center"><u>\$3,070,021.40</u></p>  <p align="center"><u>Guaranteed Completion Date</u></p> <p align="center">February 4, 2020</p>  <p align="center">May 29, 2020</p>	<p align="center"><u>\$3,168,280.58</u></p>  <p align="center"><u>Guaranteed Completion Date</u></p> <p align="center">February 4, 2020</p>  <p align="center">May 29, 2020</p>

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December 12, 2019

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RE: Request for Proposal No. 5654 – Spring 2020 Fiber Optic Ground Wire Installation  
("RFP No. 5654")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the three (3) proposals received in response to the District's RFP No. 5654 and provide the following legal opinion.

The proposals of Forbes Brothers/Timberline and L.E. Myers Company submit technical clarifications and assumptions that must be evaluated by the District. The L.E. Myers proposal also submits minor revisions to certain contract provisions. We do not deem those revisions materially non-responsive to the RFP.

Subject to the foregoing comments and the District's technical and economic evaluation, all of the proposals received in response to the District's RFP No. 5654 may be considered by the District's Board of Directors for the award of this contract. The performance and payment bond of the successful bidder also must be approved by the Board.

Very truly yours,



Stephen M. Bruckner  
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