



Agenda # 7  
Commission Meeting Date:  
April 7, 2015

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**Item:** Equipment Purchase Contract Award: 25<sup>th</sup> Street North Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Procurement (CTEP), Office File 1306.8

**From:** Engineering Division

**Initiated By:** Public Works Department

**Presented By:** Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

**Action Requested:** Consider Bids and Award Equipment Purchase Contract

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission award a contract in the amount of \$ 83,862.00 to Big R Manufacturing, LLC for the purchase of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge (25<sup>th</sup> Street North Bridge Procurement), contingent upon Montana Department of Transportation concurrence, and authorize the City Manager to execute the equipment purchase contract document.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Approve equipment purchase contract award.

**Background:**

Significant Impacts

The City of Great Falls was awarded a Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) grant to install a pedestrian/bike bridge along the east side of 25<sup>th</sup> Street North over an existing railway, to provide a safe connection from the neighborhood to the Voyager's stadium, Montana Veterans Memorial, and Eagle Falls Golf Course. This grant comes out of the allocation the City of Great Falls received annually through the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) CTEP program. The approval of the contract is contingent on MDT concurrence to award the contract to Big R Manufacturing. The City will develop a site design based on the selected bridge and will solicit bids for installation as the second phase of this project.

Workload Impacts

The City has contracted with KLJ Engineering to provide design services for the project. KLJ will also perform construction inspection. City engineering staff will perform administration duties. City Planning & Community Development Department staff

administers the CTEP program and will assist with project administration duties.

#### Purpose / Project Work Scope

This CTEP project was initiated in order to provide a safe path of travel for pedestrians and cyclists across the 25<sup>th</sup> Street North bridge that crosses the railway cut north of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. The existing bridge does not have a safe shoulder width. The new pedestrian/bike bridge will be located east of the existing bridge, separate from vehicle traffic. The City chose to advertise and select a pre-fabricated bridge, to be delivered to the site, as the first phase of this project. Upon the award of this contract to Big R Manufacturing, the City's engineering consultant (KLJ) will coordinate with the bridge provider to complete the final design of the site layout including the new bridge foundations.

#### Evaluation and Selection Process

Four (4) bids were received and opened for this project on April 1, 2015. The bids ranged from \$83,862.00 to \$118,925.00. Big R Manufacturing, LLC submitted the low bid and executed all the necessary bid documents.

#### Conclusion

City staff recommends awarding the equipment purchase contract to Big R Manufacturing, LLC in the amount of \$83,862.00.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

The attached bid tabulation summarizes bids that were received. This project is funded through CTEP funds, matched with City Street and Park Trust funds already allocated to the project. This match is equal to 13.42% of the total dollar amount of the project which includes design, inspection, and construction. For this phase of the project, \$72,607.72 will be Federal grant funds through CTEP and \$11,254.28 will be City match.

#### **Alternatives:**

The City Commission could vote to deny award of the equipment purchase contract.

#### **Attachments/Exhibits:**

1. Bid tabulation is attached.

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BID TABULATION SUMMARY

OFFICE FILE 1306.8  
25TH STREET NORTH BRIDGE PROCUREMENT

BIDS TAKEN AT CIVIC CENTER

DATE: 1-APR-15  
TABULATED BY: KARI WAMBACH

	NAME & ADDRESS OF BIDDER	ACKNOWLEDGE ADD. #1	10% BID SECURITY	CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH INSURANCE REQ.	DBE REQUIREMENTS	CTEP PROPOSAL	TOTAL BID
1	SLETTEN CONST. COMPANY 1000 25TH STREET NORTH GREAT FALLS, MT 59401	√	√	√	√	√	\$118,925.00
2	BIG R BRIDGE PO BOX 1290 GREELEY, CO 80632	√	√	√	√	√	\$83,862.00
3	CONTECH ENG SOLUTIONS PO BOX 5478 HELENA, MT 59604	√	√	√	√	√	\$106,587.00
4	TRUE NORTH STEEL 5405 MOMONT ROAD MISSOULA, MT 59808	√	√	√	√	√	\$86,500.00
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