

CONSENT ITEM

RE: TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

PROGRAM: TRAFFIC CONTROL

RECOMMENDATION: Considering the low bidder's OSHA and prevailing wage violations, we recommend awarding this unit price contract to the second bidder, Gerstner Electric, Inc.

EXPLANATION: Since 2003 St. Louis County has maintained the City's two signalized intersections (New Ballwin-Old Ballwin/Reinke and Henry-Glenmeadows). The County terminated all municipal contracts for signal maintenance.

Request for bid notices were sent to 6 contractors and advertised in the St. Louis Business Journal, Construction Market Data, FW Dodge Reports, and on the City's website. Bid specifications are on file at the Public Works Department.

On January 22, 2016, bids were received for two (2) bids received and opened.

	TOTAL BID
Reinhold Electric	\$832.00
Gerstner Electric	\$967.00
Budget	\$6,520

This is an "as-needed" contract.

Since 2003, the annual County invoice ranged from \$415 (2004) to a high of \$4,001 (2011). The County invoiced the actual parts costs, but Reinhold and Gerstner add 10% and 12%, respectively.

Within the past five (5) years, Reinhold Electric has two (2) OSHA violations in 2012. Reinhold reported that these violations pertained to procedures with no injuries. Gerstner Electric had one violation (2015) within the past five (5) years. Gerstner reported this violation involved a subcontractor using their equipment.

Since 2011 Reinhold Electric had prevailing wage violations on seven (7) projects within the past five (5) years. Gerstner Electric did not have any prevailing wage violations during this period.

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