



PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801 (203) 778-7515

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, June 4, 2012, -11:00 a.m.
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: Matthew Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Frank Ventrella, Purchasing Agent

Absent: Robert Koslowski, Comptroller

Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker called the Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Bid# 12-06 Natural Gas Conversion of Four Public Schools
Anna H. Rockwell, Bethel Middle School, Frank A. Berry and
RMT Johnson

Consideration and review of recommendation from Dumitru T. Petrescu, Mech. & Elect. Consulting Engineer and Andrew Morosky Town Engineer & Director of Public Works. Recommendation to the Board of Selectman, if applicable.

After review of recommendation from Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer & Director of Public Works (see attached memo). Matthew Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Frank Ventrella, to Award Bid 12-06 to Connecticut Combustion Corporation for the base bid price of \$174,990.00 and forward the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business to come before the Procurement Committee, Frank Ventrella made a motion, which was seconded by Matthew Knickerbocker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank N. Ventrella, Purchasing Agent

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Memo

To: Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman & Chairman, Procurement Committee
From: Andrew M. Morosky, P.E. *AM*
CC: Bob Kozlowski; Marty Lawlor; ~~Frank Ventrella~~; File
Date: May 24, 2012
Re: Bethel Schools – Gas Conversion Project

I have reviewed the bids received by the Procurement Committee on May 23, 2012 for the referenced project. Four bids were received as indicated on the attached bid evaluation submitted by the Town's consultant, Dumitru Petrescu.

Connecticut Combustion Corporation, the apparent low bidder, has completed many successful boiler replacement projects in Bethel in the past few years, including the South Street Firehouse, Rockwell School, Berry School and most recently the Johnson School. Their staff has remained intact for many years, their work is always completed in a neat and professional manner and they follow up with excellent customer service. The budget for this project, which is composed primarily of grant money, appears to be sufficient to complete the work detailed in the base bid with some room to spare.

Add alternate #1 is for a new water heater for the Berry School. The existing water heater at the school could be retrofitted for gas, but it is approaching the end of its useful life. The price submitted by Connecticut Combustion, \$31,800, may actually be much more than the amount needed to replace this water heater. I have asked the consultant to confirm the sizing of the water heater, as there are no showers in the Berry School which would require a larger heater/tank. Hot water demands in this building are only from the kitchen and lavatory sinks. I will follow up on this item as the work progresses.

Add alternate #2 is for replacing a cracked section of Boiler #1 at the Middle School. This section was found to be cracked during the pre-bid walkthrough and should be replaced before the next heating season. However, the boiler manufacturer has indicated that there is a "50/50 chance" that the new section will leak because of sloppy manufacturing tolerances on the original boiler.

I recommend awarding the base bid, in the amount of \$174,990.00, to Connecticut Combustion Corporation.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this recommendation.

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May 24, 2012

Mr. Andrew M. Morosky, P.E., Town Engineer
TOWN OF BETHEL
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801
Re: Bethel Schools Gas Conversion
Bethel, Connecticut - DTP11027

Dear Andrew:

This is in response to the bids received on May 23, 2012, for the above captioned project.

Four (4) bid packages were received, as follow:

1. - Santa Fuel, Inc.

- Lump Sum for Base Bid:	\$ 315,000.00
- Add Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 37,050.00
- Add Alternate Bid #2:	\$ 5,273.00
- Deduct Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 15,000.00
- Unit Price:	\$ 5,273.00

2. - Edgerton, Inc.

- Lump Sum for Base Bid:	\$ 278,545.00
- Add Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 0.00
- Add Alternate Bid #2:	\$ 0.00
- Deduct Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 0.00
- Unit Price:	\$ 0.00

3. - DiRienzo Mechanical

- Lump Sum for Base Bid:	\$ 289,094.00
- Add Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 0.00
- Add Alternate Bid #2:	\$ 0.00
- Deduct Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 12,388.00
- Unit Price:	\$ 0.00

3. - Connecticut Combustion Corporation

- Lump Sum for Base Bid:	\$ 174,990.00
- Add Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 31,800.00
- Add Alternate Bid #2:	\$ 3,860.00
- Deduct Alternate Bid #1:	\$ 0.00

- Unit Price: \$ 3,860.00

After we have thoroughly inspected the above indicated bid packages, we found the following inconsistencies:

- A. - *Santa Fuel, Inc.* did not acknowledge the receipt of the Addendum #1 on Page 2 of the Bid Form.
- B. - *Edgerton, Inc.* has provided a Cashier's Check in lieu of the required Bid Bond, but this change has been deemed acceptable by the Town of Bethel.
- C. - *Edgerton, Inc.* did not provide values for the Add Alternates Bids # 1 & 2, Deduct Alternate Bid # 1, and Unit Price, as required by the Bid Form.
- D. - *DiRienzo Mechanical* did not provide values for the Add Alternate Bids # 1 & 2 and Unit Price, as required by the Bid Form.
- E. - *Connecticut Combustion Corporation* did not provide a value for the Deduct Alternate Bid #1, as required by the Bid Form.
- F. - There is an unusual large spread between the above mentioned Base Bids. The 2nd lowest Base Bid is 51.18% larger than the lowest Base Bid and the 3rd lowest Base Bid is 65.21% larger than the lowest Base Bid. This could only be explained in the light of the present market conditions, the unusual specified time schedule and the respective company work load.
- G. - We have estimated the Base Bid work to be around \$205,000.00, though we are not professional estimators, but the lowest Base Bid above indicated of \$174,990.00 is 14.64% lower than our estimated value of the Base Bid work. According to the review of the lowest bid package received from the *Connecticut Combustion Corporation*, no exemptions or exceptions from the work indicated in the Contract Documents were indicated in the Bid Form furnished by this company. According to a post bid opening discussion with these company's representatives present at site, the Deduct Alternate Bid #1 was already included in the above indicated Base Bid amount.

In the light of the above mentioned observations, we hereby suggest to the Town of Bethel to award the Base Bid work to the lowest bidder, the *Connecticut Combustion Corporation*. We also suggest to the Town of Bethel to award the above mentioned Add Alternate Bids #1 & 2 for a grand total of \$ 210,650.00.

Please, let me know of any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

Dumitru T. Petrescu, P.E.