



# GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 22, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider a motion to award the 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Electric UG Project contract to Castrejon Incorporated for an estimated total amount of \$180,800 and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.

**PREPARED BY:** Julie Kennedy, General Manager

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The 12th & 14th SW Avenue Electric Underground Conversion Project, located in the Sylvan Bay area, is part of GRPU's broader effort to remove the south substation and complete the associated voltage conversion. This project includes replacement of aging underground conductors to improve reliability and conversion of select overhead lines to underground to reduce tree-related outages and improve access to secondary lines for faster restoration.

The bid package was prepared by SEH and publicly advertised, with bids opened on April 14, 2026. As outlined in SEH's attached recommendation letter, six bids were received and compared against the engineer's estimate.

The lowest bid was deemed non-compliant; therefore, SEH recommends awarding the contract to the next lowest responsive bidder, Castrejon Incorporated.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

GRPU staff are recommending the award of the 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Electric UG Project contract to Castrejon Incorporated for an estimated total amount of \$180,800 and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.



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April 14, 2026

RE: Grand Rapids Public Utilities  
12th & 14th Ave SW Electrical ELCP5034  
SEH No. GRAPU 183149

Grand Rapids Public Utilities  
Attn: Julie Kennedy  
500 SE 4th St  
Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 55744

Dear Julie,

Bids on the referenced project were opened via Microsoft Teams at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026  
The bids received are summarized with the Engineer's estimate as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Note</u>
Lake States Construction LLC	\$162,700.00	Bid rejected due to MN § 363A.36
Castrejon Incorporated	\$180,800.00	Lowest qualifying responsible bid
MP Technologies, LLC	\$186,126.23	
Parsons Electric	\$208,502.00	
Apex Drainage LLC	\$251,650.00	
Hunt Electric Corporation	\$909,539.16	
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>	

SEH has reviewed the bids and recommends that Grand Rapids Public Utilities award a contract to Castrejon Incorporated for their low bid amount of \$180,800.00.

If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 218.322.4513.

Sincerely,

Sara Christenson, PE (MN)  
Client Service Manager

Engineers | Architects | Planners | Scientists

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