



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: April 22, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to award the 29th Street & Crystal Springs Road UG Projects contract to Lake States Construction for an estimated total amount of \$89,205 and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.

PREPARED BY: Julie Kennedy, General Manager

BACKGROUND:

The 29th Street Project is an underground capacity upgrade that completes the loop near Walmart and continues the 7th–17th Street project to increase capacity to the industrial park. This project will enhance system redundancy and operational flexibility, reducing the scope and duration of outages.

The Crystal Springs Loop Project involves converting overhead to underground infrastructure on the south side of Pokegama Lake. The project includes approximately 6,225 feet of new underground facilities to support the broader voltage conversion, replace aging underground, and reduce tree-related outages.

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, five bids were received and evaluated against the engineer's estimate.

SEH recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Lake States Construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

GRPU staff are recommending to award the 29th Street & Crystal Springs Road UG Project contract to Lake States Construction for an estimated total amount of \$89,205 and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.



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April 14, 2026

RE: Grand Rapids Public Utilities
29th Street SE & Crystal Springs Electrical
Improvements ELCP5051 / ELCP5055
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 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026
The bids received are summarized with the Engineer's estimate as follows:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Bid</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Lake States Construction LLC | \$89,205.00 |
| Parsons Electric | \$165,000.00 |
| Apex Drainage LLC | \$171,800.00 |
| MP Technologies, LLC | \$252,723.39 |
| Hunt Electric Corporation | \$648,893.96 |
| Engineer's Estimate | \$261,500.00 |

SEH has reviewed the bids and recommends that Grand Rapids Public Utilities award a contract to Lake States Construction for their low bid amount of \$89,205.00.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara', followed by a horizontal line.

Sara Christenson, PE (MN)
Client Service Manager

Engineers | Architects | Planners | Scientists

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