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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of November 13, 2023

**Title/Subject**

Resolution 2296- Regional Water System Phase 2 Pipelines Improvements.

**Summary and Background**

This project will construct approximately 2.5 miles of new 30" diameter water main in Feedville Road from Highway 207 to Kelli Boulevard. The project will also construct approximately 2 miles of new pipeline to carry non-contact cooling water for discharge.

The new water main will convey non-potable river water for use by an industrial customer for cooling. The customer has completed a water service agreement with the Port of Umatilla to provide that cooling water utilizing the Port's Columbia River Water Rights; therefore that use will not use any of the City of Hermiston's water rights capacity.

The new non-contact cooling water discharge line is included as an additive alternative as part of the contract. Although the request is to award the contract now, the contract documents allow for this portion of the work to be removed prior to January 1 if the industrial customer chooses not to proceed with that item of work. This line will convey the same water which was delivered via the 30" water main; after the industrial customer has simply used it through their air-conditioning units, and take deliver that discharge water to the Hermiston Irrigation District's A-Line Canal where it crosses South 1st. It is anticipated that, at full operation, this new discharge to HID's canal will increase the amount of water in that canal available for beneficial agricultural use by approximately 5%.

This pipelines project is being paid for entirely by the industrial customer who needs the water.

In an effort to make these projects more available for local companies to bid on, they have been broken down in to smaller components and released individually. This is the pipeline portion. The associated pump and motor upgrades will be advertised in November and awarded in December.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

-Attract Industry & Jobs

**Fiscal Information**

Bids were opened at 11am on October 24, with the following bids received:

- Premier Excavation: \$7,056,083.16
- Rotschy, Inc.: \$7,879,538.00
- C & E Trenching: \$8,356,320.00
- Culbert Construction, Inc: \$8,384,576.93
- Silver Creek Contracting \$8,456,358.68
- Tapani, Inc.: \$8,585,000.00
- Swaggart Brothers, Inc.: \$11,036,915.00
- *Engineer's Estimate*: \$11,675,450.00
- James W. Fowler Co: \$11,943,045.00

Upon review of all of the bids received for compliance, it is recommended to award this contract to Premier Excavation.

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

#### **Alternatives**

1. Award the contract to Premier Excavation
2. Reject All Bids

#### **Recommended Action/Motion**

Motion to approve Resolution 2296

#### **Submitted By:**

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