



# City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

Item 4.

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA

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**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2024

**Title:** Award bid to Phillips Excavating, Inc. for the Water Service Lateral Replacement Project

**Background:** In recent months, the City advertised two (2) projects that included water service lateral replacements and repaving of streets. The 1st project, Obernolte Water Service Replacement and Street Improvements Project (a federally funded project) opened bids in October 2023, with one (1) bid received. After evaluating the single bid and consulting with Caltrans Local Assistance, it was determined that this project be rebid to attract more bidders.

The 2nd project, Phase IV-A Water Service Replacement and Street Improvements Project, opened on Nov. 1, 2023. Three (3) bids were received, and all were over the Engineer's Estimate. In addition, staff received a bid protest that was considered when evaluating all bids. The bids for this project were rejected by City Council on Nov. 14, 2023 and staff was directed to repackage the bid documents and rebid the projects.

Staff worked with the Design consultant, TKE Engineering to re-package both street projects and remove the water service lateral bid items and place them out to bid as a separate project.

On 12/21/2023, the project was advertised bids with a bid opening date of 1/10/2024. The City received four (4) bids from the following contractors:

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| • Phillips Excavating, Inc.                      | \$ 990,399   |
| • Christensen Brothers General Engineering, Inc. | \$ 1,127,006 |
| • EverLevel Holdings, LLC                        | \$ 1,232,506 |
| • J & L Constructors, Inc.                       | \$ 1,500,000 |

A bid evaluation has been completed for Phillips Excavating, Inc. and found to be the successful bidder.

**Fiscal Impact:** The total project cost for the Water Service Lateral Replacement Project is \$1,039,918.95 to be funded by the Water Asset Replacement fund in the amount of \$430,839 and the General Fund Capital Projects fund (for street improvements) in the amount of \$609,079.95.

**Recommended Action:** Award bid to Phillips Excavating, Inc. for the Water Service Lateral Replacement Project in the amount of \$990,399.00 plus 5% contingency for a total project cost of \$1,039,918.95 and authorize staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with Phillips Excavating, Inc. and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.

**Submitted By:** Kathy Raasch, Projects Manager

**City Manager Approval:** *[Signature]* Date: 1-18-24

**Other Department Approval (when required):** *[Signature]* Date: 1/18/24

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

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Other: ☐

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