



MEMORANDUM

November 2, 2023

To: Santaquin City Mayor and City Council
From: Jason Callaway, Public Works Director
RE: Pressure Irrigation Meter and Radio Installation Contract

Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to propose and recommend the awarding of a contract to Nielson Plumbing & Mechanical for the installation of the meter radios and secondary water meters associated with the State of Utah Water Resources grant that was recently awarded to Santaquin City in June, 2023. This project is a critical aspect of our city's infrastructure development. The installation costs are estimated at \$361,340, which is the most competitive bid that we received.

City staff received bids from three companies. They included Nielson Plumbing & Mechanical, Mountainland Supply company, and Hydrovac. The breakdown of bids received for comparison is as follows:

- Nielson Plumbing and Mechanical: \$361,340
- Mountainland Supply: \$387,150
- Hydrovac: \$412,96

The proposal from Nielson Plumbing encompasses a comprehensive plan for the installation of the new meter radios and secondary water meters. Their proposed approach involves employing our public works staff, on their days off, to perform the radio and meter replacement installation. Please note that city staff in their non Santaquin City work related to the radio and meter replacement will not be allowed to perform the work associated with this contract during their normally scheduled shifts or using any City resources. This approach demonstrates a cost-effective strategy but also leverages existing staff knowledge of and expertise with the City's pressurized irrigation system for efficient project completion.

The entirety of the project funding will come from the \$1.69 million dollar grant awarded by the State of Utah Division of Natural Resources. Nielson Plumbing and Mechanical, as the selected contractor, will take responsibility for insurance, workers compensation for employees, and efficient project management.

The bid received from Nielson Plumbing & Mechanical emerged as the most cost-effective option among the three quotes received, proving to be the most beneficial for the City in terms of both quality and price.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve the bid from Nielson Plumbing & Mechanical for the installation of meters and MXU's for the estimated price of \$361,340 .00.