

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: November 6, 2014**

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager
FROM: Rodney Taylor, Assistant Director of Water Utilities
SUBJECT: Award Bid for Purchase of Laboratory Furniture for the Abilene Environmental Laboratory.

GENERAL INFORMATION

On October 14, 2014 the City of Abilene received bids for the purchase of Laboratory Furniture for the Abilene Environmental Laboratory project CB-1503 (Project). The Project consists of the replacement of existing laboratory work benches. The Project was advertised in the Abilene Reporter News on September 21st and 28th, 2014. Three bids were received. The lowest bid meeting the minimum requirements of the bid documents was submitted by Gray and Green Laboratory Systems Inc. (G&G), of Pearland, TX in the amount of \$165,441.00. City staff evaluated the bid submittal and does recommend awarding the bid to G&G. VWR International submitted the lowest bid price, but its bid was rejected because it did not meet the bid specifications for the reconnection of plumbing and electrical.

The Abilene Environmental Laboratory performs chemical analysis of water, wastewater, and stormwater samples. Performing certain chemical analysis methods requires the use of laboratory benches as both a work surface and for holding and storing work related equipment, chemicals, and apparatus. The existing laboratory benches are made of painted metal, which is better suited for clinical or dry labs rather than an environmental laboratory. The laboratory benches are regularly exposed to physical wear due to normal use, contact with chemicals used in analysis, and chemical vapors common to the laboratory environment. The existing benches are at least 24 years old and exhibit obvious surface corrosion, sagging cabinet doors, sticking drawer slides, and excessive wear due to heavy use over time.

The Project is for the replacement of certain laboratory benches in the GC/MS room, the Metals room, and the TOC room. The new laboratory benches will be constructed of polypropylene, which has superior corrosion resistance. The new laboratory benches are acid, base and chemical resistant, and are the correct material for work benches in an environmental laboratory. This Project is Phase I of an ongoing process to upgrade laboratory furniture and fixtures of the Abilene Environmental Laboratory. The turn key cost for the purchase and installation of the new laboratory benches is \$165,441.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council award the bid for the Project to G&G in the amount of \$165,441.00, and to authorize the Interim City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents related to the contract.

ATTACHMENT

Bid Tab Sheet CB-1503

Prepared by: Name: Rodney Taylor Title: Assistant Director of Water Utilities	Item No. <u>6.3</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ City Secretary
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