



**City Council
Agenda Memo**

City Council Meeting Date: 9/10/2015

TO: Robert Hanna, City Manager

FROM: James W. Childers, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: Bid Award for Civic Center - Conference Center Sound System

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Conference Center is one of the most utilized areas of the Abilene Civic Center. This space continuously hosts a wide range of events that make use of the sound system a majority of the time. The most consistent complaint that the Civic Center receives from its patrons is the poor quality of the sound in the Conference Center. The sound system replacement is crucial to addressing that facility's biggest weakness.

A sound audit of the Conference Center was performed by Marsh PMK to ensure that the sound system was designed to meet the audio/visual needs of the diverse range of users of the space. The audit findings emphasized that the sheer age of the current system (24 years old) is the main cause of our consistent audio issues in the Conference Center.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Electro Acoustics and Video Inc. submitted a bid of \$160,000 to furnish and install the products as specified in the Audio Electrical (AE) and Sound System (SS) series drawings provided by Marsh PMK. The vendors will provide all accessories, cabling/wiring, supervision, coordination with other trades, software programming, testing, documentation, and instructions as required to provide a complete and properly functioning audio-video system including all required interoperability with other connected systems.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

This project will be funded through a combination of FY 2014 year-end funds and FY 2015 Civic Center operating funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Accept the bid from Electro Acoustics and Video Inc. for the installation of a new sound system.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

□ Sound System Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
AWARDING BID 1542 FOR THE CIVIC CENTER SOUND SYSTEM DESIGN AND
REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City solicited bids for Abilene Civic Center – Conference Room Sound System Renovation on July 26th and August 2nd, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, **one** bid was received with the low bidder being Electro Acoustics and Video Inc. in the amount of \$160,000; and,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder has met all of the requirements outlined in the invitation to bid and has submitted a qualifying bid; and

WHEREAS, city staff recommends the City Council award the bid to Electro Acoustics and Video Inc. and authorize the City Manager execute a contract to complete the work stated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1. Bid 1542 for the design and replacement of the sound system at the Abilene Civic Center in the amount of \$160,000 is awarded to Electro Acoustics and Video Inc..

Part 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute any and all documents to accomplish the work contemplated by the bid awarded in Part 1.

This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2015.

ATTEST:

Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

T. Daniel Santee, City Attorney