

No. III.F.7.

RECOMMENDED ACTION – Approval of proposals and award of a contract for the Outside Plant Telecommunications Wiring Contract.

The following resolution was moved by _____ and seconded by _____:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors for Missouri State University that the proposal received from A-1 Electric Service, Inc. for the Outside Plant Telecommunications Wiring Contract be accepted, approved and awarded.

BE IT RESOLVED that the total expenditure for projects completed under this contract shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100ths Dollars (\$250,000.00) during any one-year contract period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each project done under this contact shall be paid from the budget requesting the services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President for Administrative & Information Services, the University Architect, or the Superintendent of Design & Construction be authorized to sign the agreement with the selected contractor, incorporated herein by reference, and perform those acts necessary to carry out and perform the terms of the agreement.

VOTE: **AYE** _____

NAY _____

COMMENTS:

The University sought proposals from telecommunications contractors for an on-call service. The contract includes outside plant wiring for the telecommunications system on the Springfield campus including miscellaneous off-campus properties owned by the University in the surrounding area, as well as, the satellite campuses located in Mountain Grove and West Plains. The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to, all cabling (twisted pair copper, coaxial, and fiber), and termination hardware/equipment required to support building-to-building voice and data services. Unit prices submitted by contractors with their proposals will be used as a basis for pricing work orders that will be issued as the need arises. This contract will help the University keep its voice and data network up-to-date with the changing needs of the University.

The cumulative total of all individual projects awarded under this contract may not exceed \$250,000.00 during any one-year contract period. No additional work will be awarded in any one-year contract period if the limit of \$250,000.00 is exceeded.

This contract shall be valid for one year or until October 31, 2010. Included in the contract is the option to renew the contract for four additional consecutive one-year periods. If the option to renew the contract is exercised, request for approval to renew the contract will be presented to the Board of Governors prior to executing the agreement for renewal. If all four options for renewal are exercised, the contract will expire on October 31, 2014.

Three proposals were received at the University's request. The proposal submitted by each contractor included unit prices on various components of work that are anticipated to be required by the University. In addition, the contractor was required to submit qualifications and references. During the evaluation process, the committee gathered a sample of typical projects from the previous year that would incorporate the most frequently used components contained in the pricing sheets. The committee then

priced these projects using the unit prices from each of the contractors and evaluated the total cost of the projects. Furthermore, the committee reviewed the qualification statements submitted by each contractor.

After review of each proposal, it was determined that the proposal from A-1 Electric Service, Inc. provided the lowest and best submission and it is in the University's best interest to award it to this company.

Upon approval of this resolution, Telecommunications Services will be responsible for the administration of this contract and any reporting that may be requested.

It is recommended that this resolution be approved.