

AMES TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CYRIDE CONFERENCE ROOM

February 4, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 A.M.
2. Public Comments
3. Award of Intermodal Facility Construction Bid
4. Next Meeting – February 17, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.
5. Adjourn

Conference Call-In Information

Dial In Number: 1-866-423-8755
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CITY OF AMES, Iowa

MEMO TO: Ames Transit Board of Trustees

FROM: Sheri Kyras

DATE: February 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Award of Intermodal Facility Construction Bid

BACKGROUND: The City of Ames received bids for construction of the Ames Intermodal Facility on January 18, 2011. Six bids were received (see attached summary sheet). A construction contract must be awarded prior to March 15, 2011 in order to meet the Federal Transit Administration's deadline imposed for this project.

INFORMATION: Since receipt of construction bids in January, CyRide and ISU staff has been addressing two issues related to bid award. First, there was a question regarding the federally-mandated disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation on this project. All six bids included 0% DBE participation. After working with the low bidder, Neumann Monson and the Federal Transit Administration, the issues raised regarding this requirement have been resolved, which allows the bid to be considered responsible and responsive per federal regulations. The actions that will be taken as a result of these discussions are that the low bidder will be dividing larger pieces of the work into smaller tasks that will allow a DBE to participate and will be aggressively seeking additional opportunities for DBE firms in the project such as landscaping.

Second, staff has reviewed the bid alternates. The following briefly details the results of this analysis:

- **Bid Alternate #1 (Additional Parking Deck)** – After discussions with Iowa State University and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officials, it has been determined that a local funding mechanism can not be identified at this time to allow for this alternate to be accepted.
- **Bid Alternate #2 (Bike Path Extension)** – The difference between the low bid and the Intermodal Facility construction budget is \$65,999. Additionally, if alternate #3 is accepted (a deduct alternate), available funding will increase by \$72,000 for a total available of \$137,999. Bid Alternate #2 for the bike path extension is \$285,000, which leaves a budget shortfall of \$147,001 for this alternate. After project team and FTA discussions on this issue, it is recommended that the possibility of adding this alternate be readdressed midway through construction to determine if contingency funding can be added to the currently available funding to construct this alternate.

- **Bid Alternate #3 (Foundation System)** – The project team has determined that an Aggregate Pier Soil Reinforcement foundation system included as the alternate system, as opposed to a Auger Cast Grout Pile system included in the base bid, would **not** have a detrimental impact on the facility and would save the project \$72,000 in expenses, reducing the construction contract with the low bidder to \$7,115,000.

The project architect for the Intermodal project has reviewed the bids and recommended award of construction to the Weitz Company and acceptance of bid alternate #3 for the lower cost foundation system (see attached letter).

Once action is taken by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees, award of this contract will be considered by the Ames City Council on either February 8 or 22, 2011.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve award of contract to Weitz Company as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for construction of the Ames Intermodal Facility in the amount of \$7,115,000, accepting the base bid and bid alternate #3.
2. Approve award of contract to Weitz Company as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for construction of the Ames Intermodal Facility in the amount of \$7,187,000, accepting the base bid only.
3. Do not award a contract at this time and reject all bids.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Transit Director's recommendation that alternative #1 be approved identifying Weitz Company as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and accepting deduct alternate #3 for the foundation system. This action follows federal, state and local requirements and will allow for the Intermodal Facility to begin construction prior to the FTA's deadline of March 15, 2011. This action also allows for the extension of the community-desired bike path connection through the ISU Arboretum to be reconsidered at a later date after major portions of the construction are completed.

PROJECT: Ames Intermodal Facility
LOCATION: Conf. Rm. 235, City Hall, Ames, IA
 NM 09.166 C3

Bid Opening: Jan. 18, 2011
Time: 2:00 PM

SUBMITTED BY:	Received Addendums 1,2,3,4	Bid Security	Non-Collusion Bidding Certification: IDOT Form	Statement of DBE Commitments: IDOT Form	Buy America Requirements: FTA Certification Form	Lobbying Certification: FTA Form	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Alternate #3
DEAN SNYDER CONSTRUCTION	x	x	x	x	x	x	\$8,544,000.00	\$1,138,000.00	\$252,000.00	\$49,000.00
HENKEL CONSTRUCTION	x	x	x	x	x	x	\$7,618,000.00	\$1,156,000.00	\$243,000.00	\$83,000.00
KNUTSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC	x	x	x	x	x	x	\$7,750,000.00	\$1,176,000.00	\$226,000.00	\$40,000.00
LARSON & LARSON CONSTRUCTION, LLC	x	x	x	x	x	x	\$8,080,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$75,000.00
WEITZ COMPANY	x	x	x	x	x	x	\$7,187,000.00	\$1,050,000.00	\$285,000.00	\$72,000.00
WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION	x	x	x		x	x	\$7,379,200.00	\$1,180,000.00	\$213,000.00	\$20,000.00
ESTIMATE							\$7,252,999.00	\$1,255,000.00	\$287,000.00	(\$40,000.00)

NEUMANN MONSON
ARCHITECTS

February, 01 2011

Sheri Kyras
CyRide, Director of Transit
1700 University Blvd.
Ames, IA, 50010

Re: Ames Intermodal Facility - Bid Evaluation
NM # 09.166

Dear Ms. Kyras:

On January 18th, 2011 CyRide received bids from six bidders for the Ames Intermodal Facility. They were Dean Snyder Construction, Henkel Construction, Knutson Construction Services, Larson and Larson Construction LLC, Weitz Company, and Woodruff Construction.

The Weitz Company submitted the low bid of \$7,187,000 and an ADD for Alternate #1 of \$1,050,000, an ADD for Alternate #2 of \$285,000.00 and a DEDUCT for Alternate #3 for \$72,000.

The base bid and Alternate bids were under the construction estimate.

We have reviewed the bid with the Weitz Company and find them to be the lowest and responsible bidder. We recommend that CyRide award the Contract to the Weitz Company for the base bid and Alternate #3 for a total contract amount of \$7,115,000.

Sincerely,

Brian Warthen, AIA, LEED AP
Neumann Monson Architects