



June 26,2024

Governing Board Communication

Agenda Item B-3

TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Heather Plamondon, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Request for Proposal and Quote for Alarm Wiring Needed in MERA Shelters

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Executive Officer to enter a service agreement with L.D. Strobel Co. Inc. to complete necessary wiring of the MERA shelter alarms that were not included in the Scope of Work for Fidato in any of the Construction Awards.

Background:

Through the MERA Next Gen Project MERA had a Construction Firm provide for the refurbishment or construction of communications sites at various locations. An important element of the radio system is to be able to remotely monitor the condition of each radio site and send alarms to communications technicians if an unsafe condition exists. Sensors are installed to monitor parameters such as door entry, temperature, smoke, fire, generator status, etc., and report information through a central monitoring system. This effort was not included in the Scope of Work that was done in Bid Package 3 or 4. Therefore, MERA needs to have a different contractor to provide this effort.

Federal Engineering, in collaboration with the County Radio Shop and the Construction Administrator, has developed a separate Scope of Work for this effort. Staff requested a proposal for the work from L.D. Strobel who is a trusted sub-contractor of Motorola and is familiar with all of the MERA sites and infrastructure that has been installed.

L.D. Strobel is uniquely positioned to do this wiring work for MERA because they already have cleared access to each of the sites that needs work and because they provided most of the installation services for the Motorola equipment that has been installed.

The proposal pricing:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Labor (\$25,460.00), Materials (\$3,378.00), Per diem & Lodging (\$3,240.00), Total (\$32,078.00)

The reason for the Per diem and lodging is they are required to pay prevailing wage during the full shift that includes driving and hauling materials in a company vehicle, so it is a significant savings to the customer to have them stay in market rather than return to the office/warehouse each day.

Fiscal Impact:

The amount needed to cover this work is available in the Project 38 Fund, based on the surplus saved from closing the ancillary construction contracts (\$153,548).