

Solheid, Heidi

From: Van Gunst, Nickolas H.
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 2:51 PM
To: Solheid, Heidi
Cc: Mountjoy, Larry J.
Subject: RE: OP 7411, Accessible Pedestrian Signal

Heidi,

The reason we only received one bid by Brown is that they are the only vendor in the area that sells the Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) that meets our specifications. Brown represents Polara in Minnesota. Polara is the company that manufactures the APS that meets our specifications. All of the current APS we have in the City has been made by Polara. To date, we have not had any major issues with Polara. As for Brown, we purchased equipment from them on a regular basis. I do not see any reason why we should not accept the bid by Brown.

Please let me know if you need any more information or have additional questions.

Thanks,

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From: Mountjoy, Larry J.
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 10:28 AM
To: Van Gunst, Nickolas H.
Subject: FW: OP 7411, Accessible Pedestrian Signal

From: Solheid, Heidi
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Mountjoy, Larry J.
Subject: RE: OP 7411, Accessible Pedestrian Signal

Hi Larry,

I am going to get started on this Staff Purchasing Letter request form, please explain why Brown is the only vendor that bid and your experience with this vendor in the past.

Basically, since this was a single bid we need this information for our records and if others have questions. Thanks,

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"BIDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL WITH CENTRAL CONTROL UNIT CONFIGURATION" - PW

Official Publication #7411
 Bids opened 10 AM, CST
 February 24th, 2011
 Minneapolis MN

*Brown
 Traffic
 Products, Inc*

1 70 ea - accessible pedestrian signal

\$/ea 388.-

2 14 ea - central control unit

\$/ea 2,200.-

3 1 ea - Configurator

\$/ea 298.-

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above bids were publicly opened and read aloud:

Heidi S. N. D.

FOR THE: FINANCE OFFICER

Cheryl C. G. Hutton

ASST. DIRECTOR, PURCHASING