

Lift Station Equipment Upgrades, Phase 2

ATTACHMENT B – Additional Project Information

Project Overview

This project replaces the remaining Paco pumping systems operating in four City-owned wastewater lift stations. WWLS 17 supports Redmond Town Center, while WWLS 51, 52, and 53 serve the Novelty Hill Urban Development area. Construction includes mechanical and electrical upgrades necessary to install City-pre-purchased replacement pumps and to replace the generator fuel tank at Lift Station 51.

Bid Results and Protest Summary

The project was advertised on September 10 and 17, 2025. Four bids were received and opened on October 2, 2025:

Bidder	Bidder Location	Bid Amount
Award Construction Inc.	Ferndale, WA	\$2,066,356.80
Interwest Construction Inc.	Burlington, WA	\$2,460,816.00
Road Construction NW Inc.	Renton, WA	\$2,529,264.00
McClure and Sons, Inc.	Mill Creek, WA	\$3,009,279.78
Engineer's Estimate		\$2,969,594.40

Bid review confirmed accurate totals and acceptable references.

Following the bid opening, the second-lowest bidder submitted a protest citing a recent amendment to RCW 39.30.060, requiring subcontractor license numbers to be included as proof of licensing within bid proposals. The City's bid forms had not yet been updated to reflect this requirement. Although the lowest and second-lowest bidders listed the same electrical subcontractor, only the second-lowest bidder provided the license number, making the lowest bid nonresponsive. Awarding to the second-lowest bidder would increase costs by approximately \$394,459. Staff recommends rejecting all bids and rebidding the project in Q1 2026 using fully compliant bid documents. This recommendation is made in consultation with the City Attorney's Office to ensure alignment with state procurement requirements and to minimize risk to the City.

Project Cost and Funding Considerations

The current construction estimate indicates additional funding will be needed prior to award. Contingency was reduced below standard levels due to limited remaining risk after Redmond pre-purchased the pumps. Staff will return to Council with a funding adjustment request concurrent with contract award when the project is rebid.

Rejecting all bids allows the City to:

- Update bid forms for compliance with amended RCW 39.30.060
- Preserve competitive pricing and avoid a \$394K cost increase
- Reduce award challenge and claim risk
- Maintain public accountability in procurement

Rebidding in Q1 2026 maintains progress with minimal delay.

Community and Stakeholder Outreach

Work is contained to existing lift station properties with limited to no service disruption; outreach is not anticipated.

Funding

Funding is provided through the Wastewater CIP and remains within the adopted biennium plan.

Previous Project-Related Council Touches

Council previously approved consultant services to advance design and coordinate pump procurement for this project.

Date	Meeting	Action
9/17/2024	Business Meeting	Approve Consultant