

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 4.a.

Meeting Date:

1/27/09

SUBJECT:

Purchase of One 2009 TSE Model UP-70BD Underground Puller

PREPARED BY:

Bill Cook, Manager of Work Management and Integrated Services

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

TSE Model UP-70BD Trailer Mounted Underground Puller/Air Compressor

FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES/BIDS/MAJOR PROJECTS:

The annual plan for equipment replacement includes one new underground cable puller for Electric Maintenance & Construction. The capital improvement budget included funds for this unit which replaces an existing unit. Quotes were received from four vendors and staff reviewed the capability of the units to determine suitability for the job requirements. A TSE UP-70BD puller quoted by DUECO was selected by the staff based on the price and key capabilities.

The existing unit is beyond its planned life, has been unreliable in recent years, and had increasing repair costs including over \$5,000 in 2008. There is no back up for this critical unit so breakdowns delay work and waste labor resources.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Management recommends that the Utility Board approve a purchase order agreement with DUECO in the amount of \$84,306.00 plus sales tax.


General Manager

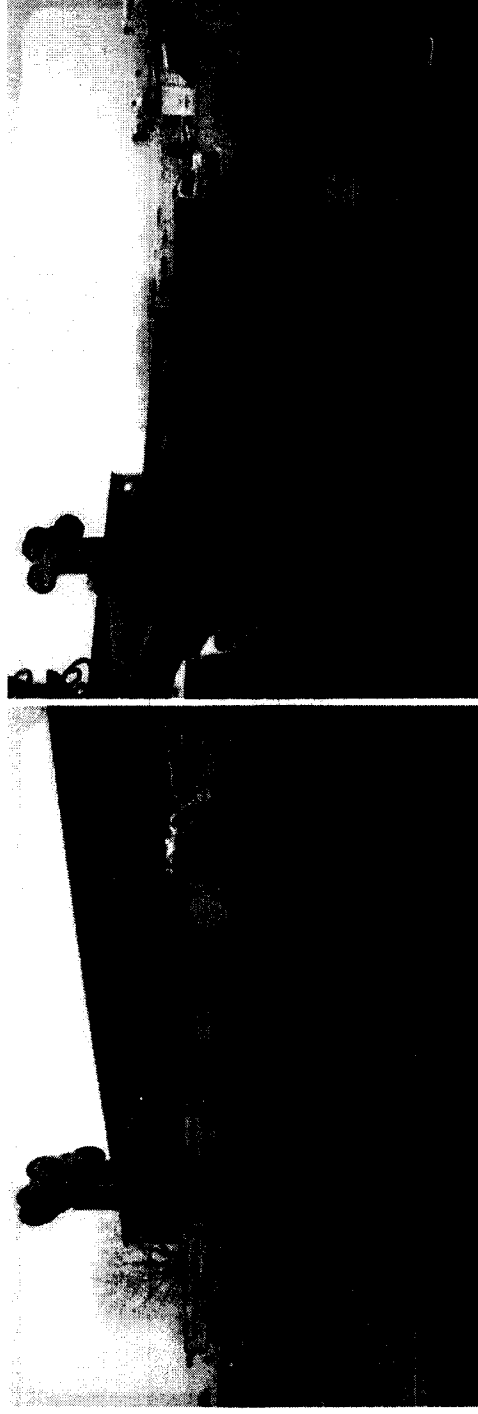
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Vendor	DUECO	NESCO	DFC	Condux
Model	TSE UP-70BD	TSE UP-70BD	DDHA-75-DC-T	WDR505
Base Unit		\$80,794.00	\$91,420.00	\$86,000.00
Air Compressor		Included	Included	Included
Roller Head Assembly		\$1,394.00	\$1,560.00	Included
Air Hose Reel and Oiler		\$2,118.00	\$1,434.00	Included
Delivery to RPU		Included	Extra	Extra
Price with selected options		\$84,306.00	\$94,414.00	\$86,000.00
				\$87,718.56

In addition to being the lowest quoted price the TSE unit has several other advantages over the others:

1. A shorter (single axle) which allows access to restricted areas
2. Infinite variable speed forward and reverse
3. More pulling options. Use of the jib is not required
4. Preferred by crews





RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a purchase order agreement with DUECO for

One 2009 TSE Model UP-708D
Underground Puller

The amount of the purchase order agreement to be EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$84,306.00) plus sales tax, and DUECO being lowest responsible bidder.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 27th day of January, 2009.

President

Secretary