

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees  
 FROM: Gari Browning  
 DATE: November 18, 2009  
 SUBJECT: Award Bid #465-09 Upgrade Performance Hall Chiller

On July 20, 2009, the District issued bid #465-09 for contractors to install a new air conditioning plant at the Smith Center. The current unit has been unreliable and expensive to repair due to age and load factors. The design used in newer chillers allows for a greater load range so there is less stress on the unit. The new design also uses frictionless bearings for less wear. Both of these design elements should extend the expected life of the chiller for many years and provide the additional benefit of reduced energy usage.

Specifications were prepared and advertisements run on the Purchasing Department web page and in the local newspaper. Nineteen (19) firms attended the mandatory job walk and eight (8) firms submitted bids as follows:

RANK	CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
1	Broadway Mechanical	\$ 431,940.00
2	R. E. Corporation	\$ 459,965.00
3	Environmental Systems, Inc	\$ 462,000.00
4	Carrier Corporation	\$ 478,898.00
5	Airco Mechanical, Inc.	\$ 488,900.00
6	BEST Contracting Services, Inc.	\$ 506,000.00
7	Heathorn & Assoc. Contractors dba American Air Conditioning, Plumbing, & Heating	\$ 573,295.00
8	American Mechanical Services	\$ 588,200.00

Broadway Mechanical Contractors, Inc. (BMI) was the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. Funds for this project are identified in Fund 10, Scheduled Maintenance, derived from State allocations for maintenance and repair.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees award bid #465-09 to Broadway Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and approve contract #465-1001 to BMI in the amount of \$431,940.00 for the Performance Hall chiller plant upgrade.