

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

RESOLUTION RESCINDING AND VACATING THE BID OF
USIC LOCATING SERVICES, LLC FOR LOCATING AND
MARKING OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES AND
AWARDING THE BID TO THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE
BIDDER, UTILIQUEST, LLC, ALPHARETTA, GA.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2024, the Purchasing Agent for the City of Vineland advertised for bids to be received on February 29, 2024 for Locating and Marking of Underground Electric Facilities; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2024 the Purchasing Agent opened the bids received and read aloud the results at which time, USIC Locating Services, LLC was determined to be the lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution 2024-119 awarding a contract to USIC Locating Services, LLC in the bid amount of \$112,450.00 for Locating and Marking of Underground Electric Facilities, however, USIC did not sign the Contract C24-0086, which was issued after award, because the City of Vineland did not agree with their excessive amount of exceptions to the specifications; and

WHEREAS, Utiliquet, LLC, Alpharetta, GA was the second lowest bidder and now with the rescinding and vacating of USIC Locating Services, LLC's bid, Utiliquet is the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$118,508.00, said bid being the lowest bid received and considered in the best interest of the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the bid of USIC Locating Services, LLC for Locating and Marking of Underground Electric Facilities, bid 2024-06, be and the same is hereby rescinded as based upon their excessive amount of exceptions to the specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract for Locating and Marking of Underground Electric Facilities be awarded to Utiliquet, LLC, Alpharetta, GA on their bid in the amount of \$118,508.00, for the contract period of one (1) year from date of award with an option to renew for an additional one (1) year term, said bid being the lowest responsible bid received and considered in the best interest of the City, and the Purchasing Agent be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order contract for the same on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds for the contract to be awarded herein are available

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

FROM THE DESK OF JEANINE N. MENEGETTI

June 10, 2024



MEMORANDUM TO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

RE: Reject Bid Proposal from USIC Locating Services, LLC and Award a Contract to Utilquest, LLC (second lowest bidder) for bid COV BID # 2024-06 Locating and Marking of Underground Electric Facilities

Bids for the above mentioned project were advertised, received and opened on February 29, 2024. USIC Locating Services, LLC was the apparent lowest bid (\$112,450.00) and was awarded the contract on March 26, 2024. USIC would not sign the Contract C24-0086 which was issued after award until we agreed to their exceptions to the specifications. The City of Vineland did not agree with the excessive amount of exceptions and therefore would like to reject USIC Locating Services, LLC per IX. (F) Causes for Rejecting Bids of the general instruction to bidders. The Department would like to award to the second lowest bidder which was Utilquest, LLC for \$ 118,508.00 with an option to renew for an additional (1) year term.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanine N. Meneghetti".

Jeanine N. Meneghetti, QPA
Purchasing Agent



BID EVALUATION FORM

DEPARTMENT Electric Utility - Distribution Date: 06/10/2024

The undersigned recommends that a contract be awarded for the following:

1. Bid Title: 2024-06 Locating & Marking of Underground Facilities

2. Amount to be Awarded: \$118,508.00

Encumber Total Award

Encumber by Supplemental Release

3. Engineer's Estimate: \$116,000.00

4. Amount Budget: \$ \$125,000.00

5. Account Number to be Charged: 4-05-55-502-9003-53393 E584

6. Date Bids Received: 02/29/2024

7. Date to be Awarded: 06/25/2024

8. Recommended Vendor: UtiliQuest The lowest bidder, USIC, failed to commit to the specifications which they submitted a bid to.

9. Is Recommended Vendor the Apparent Lowest Bidder? Yes No

10. Comments/Special Instructions: The contract shall have a Start Date of July 1, 2024, with an optional renewal year.

11. Evaluation Performed by: William Burns, Ext 4977

12. Approved By: *John Lillis*

13. Attached: (Check-Off List)

Tabulation of Bids

Justification for Vendor Recommendation (if applicable)

Evaluation Data (if applicable)

Send copies to:

Purchasing Department
Business Administration

**PURCHASING AGENT REVIEW
COV BID # 2024-06**

Proposals were received and opened Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM for Locating & Marking of Underground Electric Facilities from the following:

USIC Locating Services, LLC	\$112,450.00
UtiliQuest, LLC	\$118,508.00

Comments: All bidders had all the necessary paperwork.

Recommendation: Award can be made to **USIC Locating Services, LLC** as they submitted the lowest responsive responsible total bid for the above project.

Jeanine N. Meneghetti, QPA
Purchasing Agent

TABULATION OF BIDS
LOCATING & MARKING OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC
FACILITIES BID #2024-06
FEBRUARY 29-2024

Engineers estimate \$116,000.00

	USIC Locating Services, LLC 9045 N. River Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46240	UtiliQuest, LLC 2575 Westside Pkwy, Ste 100 Alpharetta, GA 30004
Ownership Discl.	YES	YES
Affirm. Action Reg.	YES	YES
Check List	YES	YES
Proposal	YES	YES
Ack. Addenda	YES	YES
Discl. Iran	YES	YES
TOTAL	\$112,450.00	\$118,508.00

Specifications also sent to the following:

Blood Hound Underground Utility Locators
Atlantic InfraTrac
Quark Scan
GPRS
CIS Leads
Deltek
Construct Connect

ACS Underground
The Underground Detective
Stake Center
Prime Vendor
Kane Communications
GPR Sinc