



NOTICE OF INTENT TO DIRECT AWARD A CONTRACT (NOI) NWNOI-21-01

Date Issued: January 27, 2021

Notice is hereby given by the City of New Westminster (City) of its intent to direct award a purchase contract to S&C Electric Company for Vista Underground Electric Distribution Switchgear Units.

Supplier:

The manufacture of the equipment is S&C Electric Company. This NOI is to select the Company and product, i.e. Vista Underground Distribution Switchgear units.

Scope of Services:

The scope of work is as follows:

1. Provide Distribution Underground Switchgear Unit(s) that meet the City requirements on an as needed basis and meet our schedule.
2. The Distribution Switchgear unit(s) must be Dead-Front, weatherproof and fully submersible, and meet the City's Electric Utility Standards.
3. The Distribution Switchgear unit(s) will have ratings of 29kV, 125kV BIL, 12.5kA short circuit interrupting. Both pad-mounted, and below surface units will be required.
4. The required unit models are:
 - a. 440 – 4 Switches, 0 Fault Interrupters
 - b. 431 – 3 Switches, 1 Fault Interrupter
 - c. 422 – 2 Switches, 2 Fault Interrupters
 - d. 413 – 1 Switch, 3 Fault Interrupters

Background:

The supplier was selected based upon their ability to provide the product that meets the City's requirements, in a timely fashion and to ensure compatibility with the existing equipment and services.

Value:

The expected value of the purchase is ~\$500,000.00 annually over the next 3 - 5 years.

The City has chosen not to proceed with a competitive process for the following reasons:



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1. The Vista Underground Distribution Switchgear Units are required to build a reliable distribution network (for management, protocol compatibility, feature capability, safety and compatibility with existing equipment and systems).
2. The product(s) meets our current and future underground electrical distribution needs.
3. The Vista line is our current standard product line as it meets the City's Electric Utility Standards.
4. All product must be new, no grey market equipment and must include full manufacturer's warranty.

Suppliers who wish to challenge this decision should submit a detailed written objection to the attention of: Gilbert Matembe, Intermediate Buyer by email to nwpurchasing@newwestcity.ca on or before 2:00 PM local time, Vancouver BC, Tuesday February 10, 2021:

Your written objections must include your ability to perform the contemplated work/services, availability and resources. These items will be the criterion used to determine whether the work/services will be contemplated.

The City will review the objection and where it is reasonable, the City may meet with the supplier concerning this NOI and may choose to release a competitive document.