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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

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RE: Action: Award the "2024 Water Plant HVAC Upgrades Project" contract to Rohde Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$807,000 with a contingency of 10% for a project total not to exceed \$887,700.

The Water Utility 2023-2024 Capital budget includes \$1,450,000 to make upgrades to the HVAC system at the Water Treatment Facility. This project includes replacing the Kathabar dehumidification unit with a standard roof top air handling unit, insulating pipes in the basement, and replacing the controls that service the Kathabar unit. The current Kathabar HVAC equipment is at the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement.

The bids received were as follows:

Rohde Brothers, Inc. (Low Bid)	\$807,000
August Winter and Sons, Inc.	\$961,200
Southport Engineered Systems	\$1,191,624

Our consulting engineer has written the City of Appleton a formal letter of recommendation to award the contract to Rohde Brothers, Inc. The Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management Department has also reviewed the bids and is in agreement with the engineer's recommendation. Therefore, we recommend awarding the contract to Rohde Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$807,000 plus a contingency of 10% only to be utilized as needed.

Please contact me at 832-5572 or at dean.gazza@appleton.org with any questions.