

DETERMINATION DECISION MEMO

SCI Pine Grove – Upgrade Electrical Switchgears & Generators

Project Number: 575-08 Phase 1 Location: Indiana County Est.

Construction Duration: 910 Calendar Days

DETERMINATION REGARDING THE USE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) METHOD OF PROCUREMENT

The State Correctional Institution at Pine Grove is a medium-security state correctional institution for Young Adult Offender males. The use of the standard competitive sealed bid process for the Electrical Contractor's scope of work for the replacement of the emergency generators is not practical or advantageous to the Commonwealth. Specifically:

- SCI Pine Grove is a critical facility that must remain operational and occupied during construction. The sequencing work, scheduling and coordination must be maintained. The project will require the 'lead' contractor to have demonstrated experience in sequencing work, scheduling, and coordination regarding an operational, occupied, and secured institution.
- The high-level complexity needed for replacing the emergency generators while maintaining facility operation will require electrical contractors with demonstrated experience with both older and newer electrical systems/equipment. It is advantageous to the Commonwealth to evaluate the experience of the contractor(s) performing this scope of work.
- The project includes installation of two new 2MW generators, and the demolition of two existing generators. The work must be sequenced to maintain the operational status of the facility. The facility will benefit from evaluating the contractor's past experiences with this type of work.

The above factors demonstrate unique construction considerations on this project, which requires specific contractor knowledge, skill, and experience to safely and successfully complete the renovations to the SCI Pine Grove. Consequently, it is not practical or advantageous to use the competitive sealed bidding process for the Electrical Contract because the low bid approach does not allow the Commonwealth to consider the specific factors presented herein, along with the cost, in the award process.



Deputy Secretary for Capital Programs

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Date