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Construction of A	Auburn I	Piesel	House	for	N.P.
diesel engines - Atherton Constru			ington	•	

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Seattle, Washington May 10, 1944

Mr. J. T. Derrig:

Referring to the note on your letter of May 5th to Atherton Construction Company, in which you ask for information that I may have as to the Auburn Diesel House being directly in aid of the war effort.

I do not have any advice in my files, but I think you will recall that Mr. Denney stated that authorization had been received for amortization for a substantial portion of this expenditure under Section 124 of the Revenue Act.

rsm/em

ROBERT S. MACFARLANE



SEATTLE, WASH. May 5, 1944

Atherton Construction Company Terminal Sales Building Seattle, 1, Washington

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 24th and confirming my discussion with you in regard to question raised about necessity for the construction of the Auburn Diesel House and referring to Executive Order No. 9240.

From my discussion with you it is my understanding that you wish to have before you a letter from an authorized government agency indicating the necessity for the construction of this improvement in addition to that contained in my letter of March 27th in which I furnished you copy of the War Production Boards authority, above referred to, together with serial number reference. It is my further understanding that the situation has cleared—up in respect to the labor unions agitation for increased rates and that there is nothing further for the Northern Pacific to do at this time.

I have discussed this question with our Mr. Macfarlane and if you consider it advisable that we appear before the local War Production Board or Manpower Commission on your behalf, we will be pleased to do so.

In the mean time I have requested Mr. Blum to forward any communications he hay have from the War Department indicating the necessity for this improvement from a War Department standpoint for transportation purposes during the emergency.

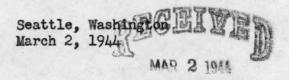
Very truly yours,

J. T. DERRIG

JTD:p

ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER

Mr. Atherton had some compliant from the local labor union and it appears they endeavor to have the rates of pay increased on the theory that the improvement is more benefical to the NP than to the war effort. What Mr. Atherton has in mind is that some circular or letter of authority for railroads to proceed with improvements of this kind as a war requirement would be of help to him if any further question



SEATTLE, WASH.

Mr. R. S. Macfarlane:

For your information I am attaching hereto copy of my letter dated March 1st to Mr. Burnham submitting list of bidders to whom plans and specifications have been forwarded for the proposed diesel house, Auburn. Print of statement attached for your information.

JTD:p

Seattle, Washington March 1, 1944

Mr. J. L. Burnham:

I am attaching hereto print of statement showing list of ten West Coast contractors who were forwarded tentative set of plans, specifications and proposals for the proposed construction of diesel engine house, Auburn, under date of January 26th.

I have subsequently forwarded proposals to the following contractors:

J. F. Graham Tacoma
J. W. Rumsey Seattle
Puget Sound Constr.

Thus making the list 13 contractors.

In addition to the above list I have recommended to Mr. Blum that proposals be furnished to the

S. S. Mullins Seattle
Henrik Valle "
Strand & Sons "
Johnson & Kuney Bremerton
General Constr. Co. Seattle

If the latter five names are approved this would make a total of 18 bidders.

The above list is furnished you in accordance with Mr. Denny's request and I will thank you to review the same advising if you consider any other contractor other than parties above designated should receive plans and specifications.

Mr. Blum desired, as you know, to hold the list of bidders down to West Coast contractors and obtain contractors experienced in that type of construction and this we have tried to addomplish in sending out the above list.

The General Construction Company are, of course, qualified but they are busy on ship construction work and have recently requested that they be furnished proposal. Henrik Valle, who constructed the Pacific Fruit Building for us at Seattle several years ago, has not made inquiry for work until recently.

It is evident that some of the contractors are completing their Government building projects and have an organization that they wish to perpetuate and that undoubtedly accounts for the numerous

March 1, 1944 Mr. J. L. Burnham inquiries for privilege of bidding of this project. I shall be glad to have your early recommendation as to additional bidders, keeping in mind desirability of having experienced contractors on this job and the necessity of completing the building at an early date. JTD:p cc BB

## AUBURN BIESEL ENGINE SHOP

## List of contractors to whom plans and specifications have been furnished

#### SEATME

- 1 Paget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co.
- 2. The Austin Company
- 3. J. C. Bosspflug Construction Co.
- 4. Howard S. Wright
- 5. Morrison-Knudsen Company 6. Sound Construction & Engineering Co.
- 7. Mackee Brothers
- 8. Atherton Construction Co.
- 9. Cuy F. Atkinson Company
- 10. J. W. Lailey

#### TACOMA

11. J. F. Graham

## OTHER CONTRACTORS ELIGIBLE TO BID

#### STATTLE

General Construction Co.

J. W. Rumsey

S. S. Mullins

Henrik Valle

Strand & Sons

M. P. Butler

J. B. arrack

Ausfel & Carlson

Paget Construction Co.

Western Construction Co.

Addison Miller

Dally Construction & Engineering Co.

A. W. Quist

Nelse Mortensen

#### TACOMA

Allen & Rarly Construction Co. McDonald Building Co. Woodworth & Cornell J. B. hart Strong & McDonald

2929 - 16th Ave. 8. W. Exter Horton Bldg. Securities Bldg. 407 Yale Avenue North Hogs Bldg. Northern Life Tower 2733 - 4th South Terminal Sales Bldg. O'Shea Bldg. 228 - 9th North

808 North Ainsworth

3840 Lowa Ave. 3821 Airport Way 621 - 9th Ave. North 407 - 3rd Ave. West 3939 University Way 3419 - 13th Ave. 8. %/ Securities Bldg. Skinner Bldg. 3951 - 6th N. W. Arctic Bldg. Arctic Bld . . West Marginal Way & Icwa Ave. 342 Kinnear Place 1021 Westlake North

## OTHER CONTRACTORS ELIGIBLE TO BID (Cont\*d)

### Spokane

Max J. Kuney
Clifton & Applogate
Colonial Construction Co.
Neary Georg
J. T. Halin
G. D. Lyon
E. E. Martin
S. G. Moren
Chas. A. Power
Hanson & Weidner
Central Construction Co.

## PORTLAND

Ross B. Hammond
L. H. Hoffman
Drake-Wyman & Voss
Geo. H. Buckler
Parker Schramm
Natt McDougal
Gilpin /Construction Co.
Reimes & Jolivette
Heuser Gonstruction Co.

## HOISE . IDAHO

J. A. Terteling & Sons Ceo. H. Wells Company

## ALLENSHURO

S. Sirch & Sons Company

## GREAT FAILS, MONT.

J. L. McLaughlin