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OFFICE OF Executive Vice President

FILE NO. 89-9

SUBJECT:

Construction of Auburn Diesel House for N.P.

diesel engines - Auburn, Washington.

Atherton Construction Co.

89
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

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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 may 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

ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER

JTD:p

cc BB

FRB

RSM

GIH

Mr. Atherton had some complaint 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 beneficial 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

is raised about increased rates of pay. Will you please arrange to furnish any information that you may have that would be of help to Mr. Atherton.

✓
Seattle, Washington
March 2, 1944

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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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Burnham", is written over the bottom right portion of the letter's text.

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.	"
Co.	"

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 accomplish 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

Mr. J. L. Burnham

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March 1, 1944

inquiries for privilege of bidding on 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 DIESEL ENGINE SHOP

List of contractors to whom plans and
specifications have been furnished

SEATTLE

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| ✓ 1. Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co. | 2929 - 16th Ave. S. W. |
| ✓ 2. The Austin Company | Exter Horton Bldg. |
| ✓ 3. J. C. Boespflug Construction Co. | Securities Bldg. |
| ✓ 4. Howard S. Wright | 407 Yale Avenue North |
| ✓ 5. Morrison-Knudsen Company | Hoge Bldg. |
| ✓ 6. Sound Construction & Engineering Co. | Northern Life Tower |
| ✓ 7. MacRae Brothers | 2753 - 4th South |
| ✓ 8. Atherton Construction Co. | Terminal Sales Bldg. |
| ✓ 9. Guy F. Atkinson Company | O'Shea Bldg. |
| ✓ 10. J. W. Bailey | 228 - 9th North |

TACOMA

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| ✓ 11. J. F. Graham | 808 North Ainsworth |
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OTHER CONTRACTORS ELIGIBLE TO BID

SEATTLE

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Construction Co. | 3840 Iowa Ave. |
| ✓ J. W. Ramsey | 3821 Airport Way |
| S. S. Mullins | 621 - 9th Ave. North |
| Henrik Velle | 407 - 3rd Ave. West |
| Strand & Sons | 3939 University Way |
| M. F. Butler | 3419 - 13th Ave. S. W. |
| J. B. Warrack | Securities Bldg. |
| ✓ Threfel & Carlson | Skinner Bldg. |
| Puget Construction Co. | 3951 - 6th N. W. |
| Western Construction Co. | Arctic Bldg. |
| Addison Miller | Arctic Bldg. |
| Dally Construction & Engineering Co. | West Marginal Way & Iowa Ave. |
| A. W. Quist | 342 Kinnear Place |
| Kelse Mortensen | 1021 Westlake North |

TACOMA

- Allen & Early Construction Co.
McDonald Building Co.
Woodworth & Cornell
J. B. Hart
Strong & McDonald

OTHER CONTRACTORS ELIGIBLE TO BID (Cont'd)

Spokane

Max J. Kuncy
Clifton & Applegate
Colonial Construction Co.
Henry 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
Matt McDougal
Gilpin /Construction Co.
Reines & Jolivet
Hauser Construction Co.

BOISE, IDAHO

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

ELLENBURG

S. Birch & Sons Company

GREAT FALLS, MONT.

J. L. McLaughlin