



MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager

Date: July 21, 2026

Subject: Ames Municipal Energy Center Generator and Step-Up Transformer Procurement

Staff has been working through the evaluation process for the Ames Municipal Energy Center (AMEC) reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE engines) over the past few weeks. This is anticipated to be a significant cost for the new AMEC project. The vendors for the RICE engines continue to refine their proposals to offer improved pricing and terms, even through the end of the day on July 17, when the staff report is being finalized.

In order to allow the vendors to offer their best possible terms, staff has issued the firms a deadline of Monday morning, July 20, to submit any additional alterations to their proposals. Staff will complete the evaluation and report based on those terms, and publish the final staff report later on Monday for the City Council to review.