

## HERMITAGE

### Plant expansion bids are opened

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After opening construction bids for the expansion of Hermitage Municipal Authority's sewage treatment plant, officials said they hope to award contracts in November.

At the authority's meeting Wednesday, the bids were broken into five categories — general construction, plumbing, HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning system), electrical and a generator procurement contract.

The low bid for construction was \$21,059,000 from A.P. O'Horo Co. in Youngstown. The high bid came from Kokosing Construction, Fredericktown, Ohio, at \$24.5 million. The low bid for plumbing was \$169,900 from Wayne Crouse Inc., Pittsburgh; the low bid for HVAC was Renick Brothers Construction Co., Beaver, at \$695,000; and the low electrical bid was PennOhio, Ashtabula, at \$2,285,000.

Other plumbing bids ranged from \$283,650 to \$384,000, HVAC bids from \$818,600 to \$905,400, and electrical bids from \$2.6 million to \$3.8 million.

The sole bid for the generator procurement contract, came from Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., Inc. for \$1,198,000. Authority manager Tom Darby said he didn't know if the bids were much higher or lower than expected. "We had a lot of bids so that's a good thing," he said.

Each category, other than generator procurement, drew several bids, and representatives from most of the companies attended the meeting.

Consulting engineer Joseph P. Pacchioni said the bids will be reviewed and recommendations will be presented to the authority on Sept. 8. They will also have to be presented to the state Department of Environmental Protection and PENNVEST. This is the second phase for the Broadway Avenue plant's improvement and expansion.