

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 02/27/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0147

LOG NAME: 13P ITB 24-0015 WATER PIPE REPAIR PARTS AW WATER

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of Non-Exclusive Agreements with Core & Main LP, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, and Fortiline, Inc for the Purchase of Water Pipe Repair Parts for the Water Department in a Combined Annual Amount Up to \$2,300,000.00 for the Initial Term and Authorize Four, One-Year Renewals in the Amounts of \$2,530,000.00 for the First Renewal, \$2,783,000.00 for the Second Renewal, \$3,061,300.00 for the Third Renewal, and \$3,367,430.00 for the Fourth Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of non-exclusive agreements with Core & Main LP, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, and Fortiline, Inc for the purchase of water pipe repair parts for the Water Department in a combined annual amount up to \$2,300,000.00 for the initial term and authorize four, one-year renewals in the amounts of \$2,530,000.00 for the first renewal, \$2,783,000.00 for the second renewal, \$3,061,300.00 for the third renewal, and \$3,367,430.00 for the fourth renewal.

DISCUSSION:

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division for assistance with securing an agreement for water pipe repair parts including, but not limited to clamps, pipe fittings, and mechanical joints to repair existing water and wastewater lines throughout the City of Fort Worth. Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) that consisted of detailed specifications regarding the product dimensions and components, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and National Science Foundation (NSF)/ American National Standards Institute (ANSI) product standards, and the delivery procedures.

The ITB was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on December 13, 2023, December 20, 2023, December 27, 2023, January 3, 2024, and January 10, 2024. The City received four responses.

Staff evaluated the bid responses based on lowest responsible bidder criteria and concluded it would be in the City's best interest to award to Core & Main LP, Fortiline, Inc, and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. Therefore, staff recommends awarding non-exclusive agreements to Core & Main LP, Fortiline, Inc, and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of items will be purchased.

Due to inflation and supply chain concerns, staff recommends the total compensation for each annual renewal term be increased by 10% to ensure the City is able to meet demand. The total compensation for the initial term of the contract shall be an amount up to \$2,300,000.00, \$2,530,000.00 for the first renewal, \$2,783,000.00 for the second renewal, \$3,061,300.00 for the third renewal, and \$3,367,430.00 for the fourth renewal.

Funding is budgeted in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Water and Wastewater Departments.

DVIN-BE: A waiver of the goal for Business Equity subcontracting requirement is approved by the DVIN-BE, in accordance with the Business Equity Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

AGREEMENT TERMS: Upon City Council approval, this agreement shall begin upon execution and expire on September 30, 2024.

RENEWAL TERMS: This agreement may be renewed for four additional, one-year terms. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Water & Sewer Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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