

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PRFP 26-0162 WATER METERS & APPURTENANCES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Non-Exclusive Agreements with Badger Meter, Inc., and Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company for Water Meters & Appurtenances in an Amount Up to \$5,559,562.00 for the Initial One-Year Term and Authorize Four One-Year Renewal Options for the Same Annual Amount for the Water Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of non-exclusive agreements with Badger Meter, Inc., and Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company for water meters & appurtenances, in an amount up to \$5,559,562.00, for the initial one-year term and authorize four one-year renewal options for the same annual amount for the Water Department

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of an agreement with Badger Meter, Inc., and Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company for water meters & appurtenances in an annual amount up to \$5,559,562.00 and authorize four one-year renewals. The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division to secure an agreement for water meters & appurtenances located throughout the City of Fort Worth (City). The City invited vendors to participate in this Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish an annual agreement to procure water meters & appurtenances. Purchasing Staff issued RFP Number 26-0162. The RFP consisted of detailed specifications describing the responsibilities and requirements to provide these services.

The RFP was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on April 1, 2026, April 8, 2026, April 15, 2026, and April 22, 2026. The City received three (3) responses. Ferguson Enterprises, LLC was eliminated.

An evaluation panel consisting of representatives from the Transportation and Public Works and Water Departments reviewed and scored the submittal using Best Value criteria. The individual scores were averaged for each of the criteria, and the final scores are listed in the table below.

Proposers	Evaluation Factors						
	a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	Total
Badger Meter, Inc.	0.00	21.0	14.17	8.0	5.0	20.0	68.17
Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company	0.00	23.0	19.17	9.50	8.0	9.10	68.77
Ferguson Enterprises, LLC	0.00	12.0	10.0	8.0	3.67	0.00	33.67

The RFP document specified the use of the following Best Value Criteria:

- a. Small Business Participation
- b. Qualifications and Company Experience
- c. Ability to meet City's needs
- d. Method of Approach
- e. Proposed equipment, and work plan
- f. Cost

After evaluation, the panel concluded that Badger Meter, Inc., and Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company presented the best value for the City. Therefore, the panel recommends that City Council authorize the execution of non-exclusive agreements with Badger Meter, Inc., and Thirkettle Corporation dba Aqua-Metric Sales Company. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of items will be purchased.

FUNDING: The actual amount used will be based on the needs of the department and available budget. Funding is budgeted in the General Operating & Maintenance category in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Water Department.

AGREEMENT TERMS: Upon City Council approval, this agreement shall begin upon execution and shall expire one year from that date.

RENEWAL TERMS: This agreement may be renewed for up to four (4) additional one-year terms. This action does not require specific City Council approval, provided that City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

