

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 20LOCKJAW SECURITY SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Sole Source Agreement with Newbasis, LLC for Lockjaw Security System Equipment in an Annual Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 and Authorize Up to Four (4) One-Year Automatic Renewals

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a Sole Source Agreement with Newbasis, LLC for Lockjaw Security System Equipment in an annual amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and authorize up to four (4) one-year automatic renewals.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) recommends entering into a Sole Source Agreement with Newbasis, LLC (Newbasis) to purchase Lockjaw Security Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Newbasis is the exclusive manufacturer of the Lockjaw Security System, which is presently deployed to safeguard against copper wire theft in all streetlight utility boxes. Newbasis is the officially recognized sole manufacturer and dealer for the United States region, providing the only non-conductive wiring security protection available.

Funding is budgeted in the General Capital Projects Fund for the TPW Streetlight Department for the purpose of funding the FY 24 PAYG SL ARTERIALS project.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (DVIN): A waiver of the goal for Business Equity subcontracting requirements was requested, and approved by the DVIN, in accordance with the applicable Ordinance, because the waiver request is based on the sole source information provided.

COMPETITIVE BIDDING: The procurement process is exempt from competitive biddings requirements under Section 252.022(a)(7) of the Texas Local Government Code. This exemption applies because the specified vendor is the sole source manufacturer of the lockjaw equipment they provide.

AGREEMENT TERMS: Upon Assistant City Manager signature, the agreement will begin upon execution and will end one year from that date.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: This agreement may be renewed automatically for up to (4) four one-year options. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligation 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 funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Capital Projects Fund for the FY24 PAYG SL ARTERIALS project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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