

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13P21-0083 PORTABLE GENERATOR CC PMD

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Purchase of a Portable Generator from LarMar Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \$159,553.00 for the Property Management Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the purchase of a portable generator from LarMar Industries Inc. in the amount of \$159,553.00 for the Property Management Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Property Management Department approached the Purchasing Division to procure a trailer mounted portable generator. The generator will be an addition to the fleet and will be used in to support fleet operations in emergency power outage situations. In order to procure the item staff issued an invitation to bid (ITB). The ITB consisted of detailed specifications regarding the generator requirements. The ITB was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on February 24, 2012, March 3, 2021 and March 10, 2021. The City received seven bids. Kirby Smith Machinery was deemed non-responsive due to not meeting the required rated prime power and not submitting all the bidder qualifications documentation. Technology International and Cummins Souther Plains LLC were deemed non-responsive due to not submitting the bidder qualifications documentation and the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.

Staff evaluated the bid responses and recommends awarding the purchase to LarMar Industries, Inc.

Business Equity: A waiver of the goal for M/WBE subcontracting requirements is approved by the Office Business Diversity, in accordance with the BDE Ordinance, because the application of the purchase of good or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

Local Preference: This purchase is for personal property or services in an amount greater than \$50,000.00 and less than \$500,000.00. The lowest bid price came from a bidder that is not a local business, but a local business submitted a bid price that is within 5% of that non-local, lowest bid price.

Section 2-14 of the Fort Worth City Code and Section 271.9051 of the Texas Local Government Code allow the City to award the contract to the local bidder under these circumstances, and staff has reviewed the procurement and determined that none of the exclusions/exceptions under section 2-14 apply.

Staff recommends that the City Council award the contract to the local bidder. In making the award and approving this M&C, City Council is making a determination in writing that awarding to the local bidder offers the City the best combination of contract price and economic development opportunities as required by City Code.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Fleet Capital Projects Fund for the FY2019 Generator project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the purchase agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Property Management Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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