

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/26/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0236

LOG NAME: 13PITB 24-0009 WATER VALVES AND RELATED PARTS JF WATER

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of Non-Exclusive Agreements with Core & Main LP, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, North Texas Winwater Co., and Fortiline, Inc. for the Purchase of Water Valves and Related Parts in a Combined Annual Amount Up to \$800,000.00 for the Initial Term and Authorize Four (4) One-Year Renewal Options for an Amount of \$920,000.00 for the First Renewal, \$1,058,000.00 for the Second Renewal, \$1,216,700.00 for the Third Renewal, and \$1,399,205.00 for the Fourth Renewal for the Water Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of non-exclusive agreements with Core & Main LP, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, North Texas Winwater Co., and Fortiline, Inc. for the purchase of water valves and related parts in a combined annual amount up to \$800,000.00 for the initial term and authorize four (4) one-year renewal options for an amount of \$920,000.00 for the first renewal, \$1,058,000.00 for the second renewal, \$1,216,700.00 for the third renewal, and \$1,399,205.00 for the fourth renewal for the Water Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division to procure non-exclusive agreements for water valves and related parts including, but not limited to resilient seated gate valves, butterfly valves, and flange parts for various valves to restrict and direct water flow in large water mains at various locations throughout the City and within the wastewater piping system. In order to procure these products, Purchasing staff issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 24-0009. The ITB consisted of detailed specifications regarding the product dimensions, components, and products in compliance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and National Science Foundation (NSF)/ American National Standards Institute (ANSI) product standards.

The bid was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on November 29, 2023, December 6, 2023, December 13, 2023, and December 20, 2023. The City received five (5) responses from Core & Main LP, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, North Texas Winwater Co., Fortiline, Inc., and Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc.

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, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, North Texas Winwater Co., and Fortiline, Inc. After the Water Department reviewed the J&S Valve brand that Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. provided in their bid response, the department concluded that the J&S Valve did not meet the brand or equal requirements due to the valves components not matching the bid's specifications. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of goods would be purchased. Staff certifies that the recommended vendors met the bid specifications.

Due to inflation and supply chain concerns, staff recommends the total compensation for each annual renewal term be increased by 15% to ensure the City is able to meet demand.

Funding is budgeted in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Water Department.

A 1295 form is not required for Core & Main, LP and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC as they are both publicly traded companies.

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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