

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/21/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0440

LOG NAME: 13ITB 24-0152 BRASS FITTINGS AND PARTS AO WTR

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Consolidated Pipe and Supply, Core & Main LP, and Ferguson Waterworks for the Purchase of Brass Fittings and Parts for the Water Department in a Combined Amount Up to \$1,500,000.00 for the Initial Term and Authorize Four One-Year Renewals for an Amount of \$1,800,000.00 for the First Renewal, \$2,160,000.00 for the Second Renewal, \$2,592,000.00 for the Third Renewal, and \$3,110,400.00 for the Fourth Renewal for the Water Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of non-exclusive agreement(s) with Consolidated Pipe and Supply, Core & Main LP, and Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of brass fittings and parts for the Water Department in a combined annual amount up to \$1,500,000.00 for the initial term and authorize four (4) one-year renewals options for an amount of \$1,800,000.00 for the First Renewal, \$2,160,000.00 for the Second Renewal, \$2,592,000.00 for the Third Renewal, and \$3,110,400.00 for the Fourth Renewal for the Water Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division for assistance securing an agreement for brass fittings, and parts. The items will be used to repair main breaks and daily operations throughout the City of Fort Worth and allow the Water Department to make the units fully functional. Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) 24-0152 that consisted of specifications including the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Code and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) C502 to perform work on the systems, as well as the equipment, safety, and warranty requirements.

The bid was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on March 6, 2024, March 11, 2024, and March 20, 2024. The City received four (4) responses from Consolidated Pipe and Supply, Core & Main LP, Ferguson Waterworks, and Fortiline Waterworks.

Staff evaluated the bid responses based on the lowest responsible bidder criteria and concluded it would be in the City's best interest to award to Consolidated Pipe and Supply, Core & Main LP, and Ferguson Waterworks. The Department determined that it was necessary to secure an agreement with three vendors to ensure the needed brass fittings and parts can be acquired within the requested time line. Fortiline Waterworks was not recommended as a vendor due to their prices being significantly higher. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of goods would be purchased. Staff certifies that the recommended vendors met the bid specifications.

Funding is budgeted in the General Operating & Maintenance category within the Water & Sewer Fund, as appropriated.

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 one year from that date.

RENEWAL TERMS: This agreement may be renewed for four (4) 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.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a publicly-traded business entity or a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly-traded business entity: Core&Main and Ferguson

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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