

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 01/10/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0005

**LOG NAME:** 13P ITB 22-0218 LIFT STATION PUMPS AND STARTUP SERVICE AW WATER

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a One-Time Purchase Agreement with Pump Solutions, Inc. for the Replacement of Five Lift Station Pumps and Startup Services for the Water Department in an Amount of \$340,042.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a one-time purchase agreement with Pump Solutions, Inc. for the replacement of five lift station pumps and startup services for the Water Department in an amount of \$340,042.00.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division for assistance with securing a one-time purchase for the replacement of five lift station pumps and startup services. Under the proposed agreement, the vendor will provide the five non-clog submersible vertical lift station pumps. Once the Water Department staff installs the pumps, the vendor will return to perform startup services to ensure the proper functioning of the pumps at lift stations throughout Fort Worth. Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) that consisted of detailed specifications regarding the specifications for the pumps, the delivery and warranty requirements, and the startup services required to ensure the pumps' proper functioning.

The ITB was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on October 5, 2022, October 12, 2022, October 16, 2022, October 19, 2022, October 26, 2022, and November 2, 2022. The City received three responses. However, upon evaluation, one bidder, Global Pumps Solutions, LLC did not score at least 50% or more of the total available points for technical criteria and, therefore, was not qualified to receive pricing points.

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

Bidders	Evaluation Factors				
	a	b	c	d	Total Scores
Global Pump Solutions, LLC.	9.50	9.50	8.50	Bidder did not meet technical points; therefore, cost was not evaluated.	Bidder did not meet technical points; therefore, cost was not evaluated.
Pump Solutions, Inc.	11.00	11.00	12.50	40.00	74.50
Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.	11.00	10.50	11.00	39.06	71.56

Best Value Criteria:

1. Contractor's Experience Manufacturing Pumps of a Similar Size
2. Contractor's References
3. Contractor's approach to testing the equipment following the installation
4. Cost of service

After evaluation, the panel concluded that Pumps Solutions, Inc. presented the best value to the City. Therefore, the panel recommends that Council authorize this one-time purchase with Pump Solutions, Inc. Staff certifies that the recommended vendor bid met specifications.

Funding is budgeted in the Wastewater Public Utility Department's W&S Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of funding the Sewer FY21 Non-Fleet Eqmt and Sewer FY 22 Non-Fleet Eqmt projects, 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.

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 Sewer FY21 Non-Fleet Eqmt and Sewer FY 22 Non-Fleet Eqmt projects within the W&S Capital Projects Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the purchase agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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