

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/22/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0342

LOG NAME: 13P REJECT BIDS FOR ITB 25-0038 ALUMINUM, STEEL, IRON, & REBAR

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Rejection of All Responses for Invitation to Bid No. 25-0038 for Aluminum, Steel, Iron, and Rebar for City Departments

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the rejection of all responses for Invitation to Bid No. 25-0038 for aluminum, steel, iron and rebar for City Departments.

DISCUSSION:

On December 16, 2024, the City of Fort Worth (City) issued Invitation To Bid (ITB) No. 25-0038 for aluminum, steel, iron, and rebar for City Departments. Notice of the ITB was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on December 18, 2024, December 25, 2024, January 1, 2025, January 8, 2025, and January 15, 2025. The City received four (4) responses: C.F. Metals, Inc., David-Tehoungue, Ltd, Greenville Enterprises LLC, and Jay Logistics & Trade Limited Liability Company. C.F. Metals, Inc. was deemed non-responsive by the Diversity and Inclusion Department for failing to provide all required documentation.

Upon evaluation of the three remaining responses, departmental staff determined that the ITB did not include the necessary information regarding the bidders' ability to provide products in a timely enough manner to meet the City's needs. It was also determined that due to the historic, and currently increased, volatility of pricing and availability in the metals market, that a requirement tying cost adjustments to the Producer Price Index (or similar mechanism) would be in the best interest of both the City and Vendors. Because this information is necessary to allow bidders to respond, show their ability to meet the City's needs, and could impact timing and pricing, staff requests that the City reject all bid responses. The Purchasing Division will coordinate with the Transportation and Public Works Department and the Water Department and revise the specifications and requirements to ensure the City's needs are clear moving forward.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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