

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0355

LOG NAME: 13P20-0082 LIQUID LIME SLURRY SC WATER

SUBJECT

Authorize a Purchase Agreement with Lhoist North America of Texas, LLC for Liquid Lime Slurry for a Total Annual Amount Up to \$137,600.00 for the Water Department and Authorize Four Annual Renewal Options (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a Purchase Agreement with Lhoist North America of Texas, LLC for liquid lime slurry for a total annual amount up to \$137,600.00 for the Water Department and authorize four annual renewal options.

DISCUSSION:

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division to procure Liquid Lime Slurry for the use in treating drinking water, wastewater, and industrial waste at various Water Treatment Plants throughout the City.

In order to procure this item, Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB). The ITB consisted of detailed specifications describing Liquid Lime Slurry requirements for use in the water treatment process, including; delivery and meeting American Water Works Association (AWWA), and National Science Foundation (NSF) standards.

The bid was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on February 19, 2020, February 26, 2020, March 4, 2020 and March 11, 2020. A pre-bid conference was held on February 26, 2020. The City received two bids.

Bids were evaluated based on the lowest bidder complying with all the provisions of the solicitation. Staff recommends awarding to the lowest bidder, Lhoist North America of Texas Ltd., in the total amount up to \$137,600.00. The Water Department certifies that the bid received from Lhoist North America of Texas Ltd. meets the specifications required for the item being awarded. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of items would be purchased. Items will be ordered on an as-needed basis.

An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up 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 waiver of the goal for MBE/SBE subcontracting requirements was requested by the Purchasing Division and approved by the M/WBE Office, in accordance with the BDE Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from sources where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Water & Sewer Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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