

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 13PRFP 26-0023 ACOUSTIC LEAK SURVEY DETECTION WTR AO

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Hydromax USA, LLC for Acoustic Leak Survey Detection in an Annual Amount Up to \$400,000.00 for a One-Year Initial Term and Authorize Four One-Year Renewal Options in an Amount Up to \$440,000.00 for the First Renewal, \$484,000.00 for the Second Renewal, \$532,400.00 for the Third Renewal, and \$585,640.00 for the Fourth Renewal for the Water Department

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Hydromax USA, LLC for acoustic leak survey detection, in an annual amount up to \$400,000.00, for a one-year initial term, and authorize four one-year renewal options in an amount up to \$440,000.00 for the first renewal, \$484,000.00 for the second renewal, \$532,400.00 for the third renewal, and \$585,640.00 for the fourth renewal for the Water Department.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division to secure an agreement for Acoustic Leak Survey Detection located at various Water and Wastewater facilities. The City regularly needs to conduct a leak survey on its approximately 4,000 linear miles of water distribution mains. In an effort to reduce the real losses experienced, the City invited firms (Vendor) to participate in this Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish an annual agreement to conduct a leak survey on at least 1,000 miles of small diameter (12" or less) water distribution mains and report located leaks back to the City. The mains for this survey will be located throughout the City of Fort Worth and can be made of various materials.

Purchasing Staff issued RFP Number 26-0023. The RFP consisted of detailed specifications describing the responsibilities and requirements to provide these services.

The RFP was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on December 3, 2025, and December 10, 2025. The City received two (2) responses.

An evaluation panel consisting of representatives from the Water and Information Technology Solutions (ITS) Department reviewed and scored the submittal using Best Value criteria. The individual scores were averaged for each of the criteria, and the final scores are listed in the table below.

Proposers	Evaluation Factors						
	a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	Total
Hydromax USA, LLC	0.00	24.75	21.25	12.38	12.75	14.09	85.22
McKim Creed, Inc	0.00	23.25	20.63	13.13	12.75	15.00	84.75

The RFP document specified the use of the following Best Value Criteria:

- a. Small Business Participation
- b. Qualifications, and Company Experience
- c. Ability to meet the City's needs
- d. Method of Approach
- e. Proposed schedule, equipment and work plan
- f. Cost

After evaluation, the panel concluded that Hydromax USA, LLC presented the best value for the City. Therefore, the panel recommends that City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Hydromax USA, LLC. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of services would be purchased.

**FUNDING:** The maximum annual amount allowed under this agreement is \$400,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on the needs of the department and available budget. Funding is budgeted in the General Operating & Maintenance category in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Water Department.

**AGREEMENT TERMS:** Upon City Council approval, this agreement shall begin upon execution and shall expire one year from that date.

**RENEWAL TERMS:** This Agreement may be renewed at the City's option for up to four additional, one-year renewal options in an amount up to \$440,000.00 for the first renewal, \$484,000.00 for the second renewal, \$532,400.00 for the third renewal, and \$585,640.00 for the fourth renewal

for the Water Department. This action does not require City Council approval, provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal terms.

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.

SMALL BUSINESS – In accordance with the City's Small Business Ordinance, Chapter 21 of the City Code, the City has established a 30% Small Business goal for this solicitation/contract. No company met the goal of utilizing certified small business subcontractors for at least 30% of the total contract value, therefore not meeting the requirements of the City's Small Business Ordinance.

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**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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