City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13P MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING SERVICES ML 01

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Freer Mechanical Contractor's Inc. and A&G Piping, Inc. Using an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Contract No. 2022-210 in an Annual Amount Up to \$500,000.00 for Mechanical and Plumbing Services for the Public Events Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Freer Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and A&G Piping, Inc., using an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Contract No. 2022-210 in an annual amount up to \$500,000.00 and authorize two consecutive one-year renewal options for mechanical and plumbing services for the Public Events Department.

DISCUSSION:

In January 2023, the Public Events Department (PED) approached the Purchasing Division about entering into an agreement for mechanical and plumbing services using a cooperative agreement. PED will use this agreement to supplement current mechanical and plumbing service agreements when certain aspects of a project are beyond the scope of the current annual agreements. Some examples are pipe maintenance and pipe welding. In situations such as these, it is more cost effective for the City to use its own Mechanical and Plumbing Contractor Agreement instead of paying subcontracting mark-ups.

In September 2022, Tarrant County processed a bid (Bid No. 2022-210) and received ten responses. An evaluation team scored the proposal and awarded the agreement to A&G Piping, Inc, Alpha Mechanical Contractors, LLC, Assured Mechanical Solutions, LLC, CEC Facilities Group, CMP Commercial Construction, Inc, Daikin Applied Americas, Inc, Denali Construction Services, LP, Entech Sales and Service, LLC, Enviromatic Systems Services, Inc, and Freer Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

The maximum annual amount allowed under this agreement Citywide will be \$500,000.00, but the actual amount used will be based on the need of the department and available budget.

An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager or his designee 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.

State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. Tarrant County Cooperative Contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities.

A Business Equity goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

Funding is budgeted in the Culture and Tourism Department Rollup within the Culture and Tourism Fund.

Upon City Council approval, the agreement will begin upon execution and end on September 30, 2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal terms.

The agreement serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Culture and Tourism Fund and that, prior to an expenditure being made, the participating department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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