

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/09/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0270

LOG NAME: 13P ITB 24-0114 FIRE HYDRANTS AND REPAIR PARTS AO WTR

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Non-Exclusive Agreements with Core & Main LP and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for the Purchase of Fire Hydrants and Repair Parts in a Combined Amount Up to \$1,000,000.00 for the Initial Term and Authorize Four One-Year Renewal Options for an Amount of \$1,150,000.00 for the First Renewal, \$1,322,500.00 for the Second Renewal, \$1,520,875.00 for the Third Renewal, and \$1,749,006.25 for the Fourth Renewal for the Water Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of non-exclusive agreements with Core & Main LP and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for the purchase of fire hydrants and repair parts in a combined amount up to \$1,000,000.00 for the initial term and authorize four (4) one-year renewal options for an amount of \$1,150,000.00 for the first renewal, \$1,322,500.00 for the second renewal, \$1,520,875.00 for the third renewal, and \$1,749,006.25 for the fourth renewal for the Water Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Water Department approached the Purchasing Division for assistance in securing an agreement for fire hydrants, and repair parts. The items will be used to replace or repair fire hydrants throughout the City of Fort Worth and allow the Water Department to make the units fully functional. Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) 24-0114 that consisted of specifications including the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Code and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) C502 to perform work on the systems, as well as the equipment, safety, and warranty requirements.

The bid was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on February 14, 2024, February 21, 2024, and February 28, 2024. The City received two (2) responses from Core & Main LP and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC.

Staff evaluated the bid responses based on the lowest responsible bidder criteria and concluded it would be in the City's best interest to award to Core & Main LP and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. The Department determined that it was necessary to secure an agreement with two vendors to ensure the needed fire hydrants and repair parts can be acquired within the requested time line. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of goods would be purchased. Staff certifies that the recommended vendors met the bid specifications.

Due to inflation and supply chain concerns, staff recommends the total compensation for each annual renewal term be increased by 15% to ensure the City can meet demand.

Funding is budgeted in the Water & Sewer Fund for the Water Department.

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.

RENEWAL TERMS: This agreement may be renewed for four (4) one-year terms. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

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.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a publicly-traded business entity or a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly-traded business entity: Core & Main LP and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

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

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