



Water & Wastewater Commission Review and Recommendation

Commission Meeting Date:	May 9, 2018
Council Meeting Date:	May 24, 2018
Department:	Purchasing
Client:	Brian Haws, Rick Harland and Rick Coronado
Agenda Item	
Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Underwater Construction Corporation , to provide underwater inspection and maintenance diving services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,060,500.	
Amount and Source of Funding	
Funding in the amount of \$70,700 available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.	
Purchasing Language:	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 GLB0071 for these services. The solicitation issued on March 5, 2018 and it closed on March 27, 2018. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer.
Prior Council Action:	N/A
Boards and Commission Action:	May 9, 2018- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

The contract is for diving services to be used at Austin Water's five water treatment facilities and Longhorn Dam. The diving services are to inspect each facility to determine the general condition of the structure(s) and assess the level of zebra mussel infestation, remove zebra mussels as needed, open and close intake structures, and complete minor repairs. The ability to open/close intake structures is important to respond to changes in water quality and/or in the lake level. The zebra mussels can reduce or eliminate a plant's ability to treat water and cause significant equipment damage if they are not removed.

The current contract will expire on June 7, 2018. The requested authorization amounts for the contract were determined using historical spending and departmental estimates, including extending diving services to multiple sites due to the recent infestation of zebra mussels in Lake Travis and Lake Austin and Austin Water's recent takeover of Longhorn Dam operations.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the department would be forced to procure these services on an as-needed basis which could potentially result in higher prices and equipment failures.

Contract Detail

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	2 Years	\$424,200
Extension Option 1	1 Year	\$212,100
Extension Option 2	1 Year	\$212,100
Extension Option 3	1 Year	\$212,100
TOTAL	5 Years	\$1,060,500

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GLB0071

DIVING SERVICES TO INSPECT AND MAINTAIN RAW WATER INTAKE AND SCREENS

VENDOR

TOTAL BID

**Underwater Construction Corp.
Mansfield, TX**

\$191,915.00

H2O Solutions
Fort Pierce, FL

\$0*

Chapman Marine Inc.
Houston, TX

\$236,700.00

U.S. Underwater Services, LLC
Nederland, TX

\$232,765.00

NOTE: Award method: By one total, Prepared by Central Purchasing staff, * H2O solutions was deemed non-responsive – did not meet requirements of the solicitation, shown above because they were included in the formal bid tabulation and for the purposes of transparency. Complete copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FSD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Competitive Status: Adequate competition.
- b. Solicitations: 49 notices were sent, there were no MBE and 1WBE firm listed under this service. Four bids were received, with no MBE and 1 WBE firms responding.
- c. The original contract was with U.S Underwater Services, LLC and was the first time we contracted for these services.
- d. Average 30.38% price reduction from the prior contract across areas such as mobilization fees, team member charge, Chamber packages and boat rental fees

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Award to the lowest competitive bid.
- b. Austin Water concurs with Central Purchasing recommended award.