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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Public Works Department
MEETING DATE: March 07, 2022
SUBJECT:
Generator Purchase – Contract

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to approve an alternative purchasing method to award a contract to Multiquip for the purchase of two (2) MQPower Whisperwatt Emergency Generators in the amount of \$154,617.49 and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract in substantially the form presented.

BACKGROUND:

Generators are necessary to provide service to the community during emergencies. The generator standard for the City is the trailered Multiquip MQPowered Whisperwatt given its mobility and ease of maintenance. Currently, the City has three (3) 125 KVA and one (1) 400 KVA Multiquip brand generators to provide power to 24 sanitary lift stations, 9 storm stations and the corporation yard. It is in the City's best interest to standardize all generators to maintain consistency for operational and ongoing maintenance purposes. The current number of generators is insufficient to keep up with power demand in the event of a city-wide power outage. The City's intent is to purchase two (2) new generators to add to its existing fleet.

For specialized equipment, such as generators, there are limited procurement sources available to government agencies and typically are limited to either Sourcewell (formerly the National Joint Powers Alliance) or State of California General Services Division (GSD). Both Sourcewell and GSD conduct competitive bidding processes to select vendors and establish pricing on vehicles and other equipment. The City may rely on competitive bids obtained by Sourcewell and GSD in lieu of obtaining its own independent bids. For this purchase, the City is relying on pricing obtained by Sourcewell since GSD does not maintain a contract for purchasing Multiquip generators.

San Mateo Municipal Code Section 3.60.070(h)(3) authorizes the City Council to approve an alternative purchasing procedure when it finds doing so is in the best interest of the City. The purchase of two Multiquip MQPower Whisperwatt Emergency Generators is in the best interest of the City because these generators are the standard used by the City and have shown reliable performance to meet the City's needs. In addition, the City may rely on bids obtained by Sourcewell because it is a government organization that has solicited, received, and reviewed competitive bids for the desired generators through its cooperative purchasing program. Accordingly, staff recommends the purchase of these generators from Multiquip, Inc.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the Sewer Fund's operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This purchase is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

Att 2 - Purchase Contract

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