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Re: Board of Awards, Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Attending: D. Garrick, Finance Director
R. Edwards, Assistant Corporation Counsel
N. Ballwig, Legal Secretary, Office of the Corporation Counsel
T. Hughes, Superintendent of Construction Services
W. Lounsbury, Assistant Fire Chief
S. Hanley, Superintendent of Public Buildings
D. Day, Superintendent of Public Utilities
C. Gardner, Chief of Water Distribution, Sewer Collection & Maintenance
D. Natale, Assistant Purchasing Agent
C. Volpe, Purchasing Agent

The Board of Awards convened at 10:05 A.M. in the Purchasing Dept. Conference Room (virtual meeting – attendees via Zoom conference call) to consider the following:

“Eagle Road Bridge Rail Replacement – Bridge #05103 Eagle Road over Still River – Construction Services Dept.” Mr. Volpe reported that the Construction Services Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to Hemlock Construction, to have the subject work performed in the total proposed cost of \$449,287.70. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that Hemlock Construction proposed the work per their current Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) on-call construction services contract. Mr. Volpe noted that the City of Danbury is a member of CRCOG and can make use of that contract. Mr. Volpe stated that the proposed cost includes State of CT prevailing wages and a performance bond. Mr. Hughes moved to award the requisitioned work to Hemlock Construction as per the CRCOG on-call construction services contract, contingent upon execution of an agreement acceptable to the City of Danbury. Mr. Hughes noted that the cost of this work would be charged to account #VIS2020PI.9999-7000.0475. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

“Repair Engine on Pierce Tower Truck – Fire Dept.” Mr. Volpe reported that the Fire Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to Stewart & Stevenson Power Products, to repair engine transmission fluid and oil leaks on Tower Truck 1 at a total cost of \$32,555.32. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that, along with the requisition, the Fire Dept. included a sole source justification for Stewart & Stevenson to perform this work. Mr. Volpe stated that the sole source justification indicated that Stewart & Stevenson is the original equipment manufacturer of the engine. Assistant Chief Lounsbury moved to award the requisitioned repair work to Stewart & Stevenson as a sole source. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

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“Danbury Fire Dept. – Danbury Federal Correctional Institute Communications

Upgrade to Transmit Site – Fire Dept.” Mr. Volpe reported that the Fire Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to Motorola Solutions, to have the subject work performed in the total proposed amount of \$96,320.06. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that Motorola Solutions proposed the work per their current State of CT contract award. Assistant Chief Lounsbury moved to award the requisitioned work to Motorola Solutions per the State contract. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

“Renewal of Nuance Contract to Perform OSHA Required Physicals – Fire Dept.”

Mr. Volpe reported that Fire Chief Richard Thode submitted a memo, dated April 13, 2023, in which he requested that the existing agreement with Nuance Health for OSHA required physicals be extended for an additional year. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that these services were awarded to Nuance Health last year as a sole source because the city's current occupational health services provider, AFC Urgent Care, was unable to handle the logistics involved with this type testing, and because there are no other known area firms capable of performing these services. Mr. Volpe stated that, along with his request memo, Chief Thode included a fee schedule from Nuance for the renewal period. Mr. Volpe noted that the cost of the physical evaluation remained the same at \$140.00/each, and that there some additional service fees added for HazMat team physicals and occupational health services for career and volunteer department personnel. Assistant Chief Lounsbury moved to extend the existing contract with Nuance for a one-year period as a sole source, and to include the additional services as offered on their updated fee schedule. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

“Underground Storage Tank A/B Operator Inspections – Fire Dept.”

Mr. Volpe reported that the Fire Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to Atlas Technical Consultants, to perform the subject work in the total proposed amount of \$3,960.00. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that TRC Engineers and Crompco Owl Services were also contacted to quote on this requirement. Mr. Volpe stated that TRC quoted a total cost of \$7,400.00. Mr. Volpe stated that Crompco Owl Services did not quote because they could not respond to the A/B Operator component of this requirement. Assistant Chief Lounsbury moved to award the requisitioned service to Atlas Technical Consultants, contingent upon Corporation Counsel review of the required agreement. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

“Renovations to Women's Lobby Restroom in the E-Wing at Danbury High School –

Public Buildings Dept.” Mr. Volpe reported that the Public Buildings Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to BMP Construction, to have the subject work performed in the total proposed amount of \$74,610.84. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that BMP Construction proposed the work per their current Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) on-call construction services contract. Mr. Volpe noted that the City of Danbury is a member of CRCOG and can make use of that contract. Mr. Hanley moved to award the requisitioned work to BMP Construction as per the CRCOG on-call construction services contract. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bid #05-20-21-02 “Cleaning of Boilers – Public Buildings”

Mr. Volpe informed the Board that this bid had previously been awarded for the 2022 – 2023 season to Ratick Combustion, Inc. Mr. Volpe stated that the bid award may be renewed for the 2023 – 2024 season by mutual consent. Mr. Volpe reported that Ratick Combustion sent an email, dated April 21, 2023, in which they indicated that they would be willing to hold their bid pricing for the 2023 – 2024 season. Mr. Hanley moved to extend the bid award with Ratick Combustion for an additional year as offered. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bid #11-21-22-01 “Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement - Change Order Request – Public Utilities Dept.”

Mr. Volpe informed the Board that this bid had previously been awarded to True Blue Environmental, Inc. at a summation of \$1,218,454.50. Mr. Volpe reported that Mr. Day sent an email, dated April 14, 2023, in which he indicated that the summation amount needed to be increased by \$170,000.00 to cover the cost of change order work. Mr. Day moved to approve the change order request. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bid #03-22-23-05 “40,000 LB GVWR Low Profile Equipment Trailer – Public Utilities Dept.”

Mr. Volpe reported that four bids were received, and that the apparent low bidder was REP Enterprises, LLC at a cost of \$33,000.00. Mr. Gardner moved to award the bid to REP Enterprises, LLC., the low bidder with no exceptions taken. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bid #03-22-23-04 “Public Works & Emergency Vehicle Upfitting – Public Works Dept.”

Mr. Volpe informed the Board that this was a time and material bid for work to be performed as needed for a one-year period. Mr. Volpe reported that Precision Brakeworks, Inc. submitted the only bid. Mr. Gardner moved to award the bid to Precision Brakeworks. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

“Emergency Purchase of Valves & Fittings for Waterline Repair at Lake Avenue and Myrtle Avenue – Public Utilities Dept.”

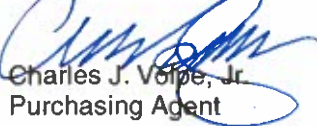
Mr. Volpe reported that the Public Utilities Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to G&L Waterworks, to purchase the subject items at a total quoted cost of \$11,114.50. Mr. Volpe stated that Ferguson Waterworks and Core & Main were also contacted to quote on this requirement. Mr. Volpe stated that Ferguson quoted a total cost of \$10,752.30 and Core & Main quoted a total cost of \$10,186.10. Mr. Volpe stated that, along with the requisition, the Public Utilities Dept. submitted a source justification for G&L Waterworks to be awarded this order. Mr. Volpe stated that the source justification indicated that G&L Waterworks had the shortest delivery time and it was determined that the valves they had quoted would be best for this application. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that the total cost of the valves, greater than \$10,000.00, would normally require that a sealed bid be issued. Mr. Gardner moved to declare this purchase request an emergency and waive the formal bidding requirement. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion. Mr. Gardner informed the Board that the waterline issue had caused a low fire flow condition in the neighborhood. Mr. Gardner noted that there is a nursing home located in the neighborhood. Mr. Gardner stated that a previous Board of Awards waived the formal bidding requirement for the installation of insertion valves as a possible method of repair for the waterline. Mr. Gardner stated that they evaluated an alternate repair using the valves and fittings that were included on the requisition in question. Mr. Gardner stated that it was determined that the repair could be made with the requisitioned valves and fittings at a much lower cost than the insertions valves installation. Mr. Gardner stated that the Fire Dept. is aware of this situation and has special operation in place in the event of a fire in the area. The motion was then carried unanimously. Mr. Gardner then moved to award the requisitioned valves and fittings to G&L Waterworks for the reasons previously noted in the supplied source justification. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Hanley moved to add the **“Replacement of City Hall Main Entrance Doors”** to the agenda as an emergency. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion. Mr. Hanley informed the Board that the existing entrance doors are not locking properly and are beyond repair. Mr. Hanley stated that, until the existing doors are replaced, City Hall is vulnerable to intruders after regular work hours. The motion was then carried unanimously. Mr. Hanley informed the Board that he had obtained a proposal from K-Man Glass to

replace the existing doors at a total cost of \$23,920.00. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that the proposed amount by K-Man Glass was over the City's sealed bid limit of \$10,000.00. Mr. Hanley then moved to waive the formal bidding requirements because of safety concerns. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously. Mr. Garrick inquired about obtaining additional quotes for this work. Mr. Volpe stated that his department could reach out for additional quotes, but cautioned that it could take a couple of weeks to do that. Mr. Hanley stated that he felt it would be best to award this work to K-Man Glass as proposed. Mr. Volpe asked Mr. Hanley if, in his professional opinion, he felt that the price proposed by K-Man Glass was fair. Mr. Hanley stated that he did feel that, based on the work and materials required, the price proposed by K-Man Glass was fair. Mr. Hanley then moved to award the replacement of the City Hall main entrance doors to K-Man Glass as proposed. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Having no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Volpe asked for a motion to adjourn. Attorney Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Garrick seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously. The Board of Awards adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Purchasing Agent

cc: All Attendees
Mayor Esposito
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A. Iadarola
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N. Wagner