



# CITY OF DANBURY

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To: File

Re: Board of Awards, Monday, August 14, 2023

Attending: J. Kleinhans, Assistant Finance Director  
R. Edwards, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
N. Ballwig, Legal Secretary, Office of Corporation Counsel  
T. Hughes, Superintendent of Construction Services  
T. Janesky, Assistant Superintendent of Public Services  
S. Ferguson, Tax Collector  
D. Day, Superintendent of Public Utilities  
F. Gentile, Manager of Information Technology  
D. Natale, Assistant Purchasing Agent  
C. Volpe, Purchasing Agent

The Board of Awards convened at 1:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Dept. Conference Room (virtual meeting – attendees via Zoom conference call) to consider the following:

**“Replacement of Playground Turf Safety Surfacing at the Ellsworth Avenue Elementary School – Construction Services Dept.”** Mr. Volpe reported that Mr. Hughes submitted a proposal from Childscapes, dated August 10, 2023, to perform the subject work in the total amount of \$63,830.75. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that, along with the proposal, Mr. Hughes included a sole source justification for Childscapes. Mr. Volpe stated that the sole source justification indicated that the City of Danbury had previously standardized on Burke playscape equipment, and that Childscapes is the only authorized Burke dealer for the CT territory. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that Childscapes proposed the work per their current Sourcewell government cooperative contract award. Mr. Hughes moved to award the proposed work to Childscapes as a sole source and as per the Sourcewell contract, contingent upon the approval of funds. Mr. Kleinhans seconded the motion. Attorney Edwards asked if American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were being used for this work. Mr. Volpe stated that Mr. Hughes intended to use capital fund for this work. Mr. Volpe stated that, in his opinion, if ARPA funds were needed, the sole source justification and government contract quote would make the work compliant from a procurement standpoint. The motion was then carried unanimously.

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**“Renovate/Construct BCI Burke Playscape Structures at Mill Ridge School and Hatters Park – Construction Services Dept.”** Mr. Volpe reported that Mr. Hughes submitted a proposal from Childscapes, dated August 10, 2023, to perform the subject work in the total amount of \$248,056.99. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that Childscapes proposed the work per their current State of CT contract award. Mr. Hughes moved to award the proposed work to Childscapes as per the State contract, contingent upon execution of a contract acceptable to the City of Danbury. Mr. Kleinhans seconded the motion. Mr. Hughes noted that the cost of a performance bond was included in the cost proposal presented by Childscapes. The motion was then carried unanimously.

**“Purchase New 2023 Ford Escape SE AWD Vehicle – Highway Dept.”** Mr. Volpe reported that the Highway Dept. submitted a requisition, made out to Gengras Ford, to purchase the subject vehicle at the total quoted cost of \$31,598.30. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that Gengras Ford quoted the vehicle per their current State of CT contract award. Mr. Janesky moved to award the requisitioned vehicle to Gengras Ford as per the State contract. Mr. Kleinhans seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

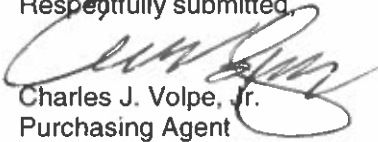
**Bid #07-23-24-02 “Assignment of Delinquent Real Property Tax Liens of the City of Danbury”** Mr. Volpe informed the Board that this bid was for monies to be paid to the City of Danbury for the right to purchase the subject tax liens. Mr. Volpe reported that three bids were received, and that the apparent high bidder was FIG Capital Investments, LLC at a total of \$621,880.49. Mr. Ferguson stated that FIG Capital Investments, LLC would be purchasing the entire list of liens, and that they have successfully partnered with the City of Danbury on this same bid in the past. Mr. Ferguson then moved to award the bid to FIG Capital Investments, LLC, contingent upon execution of the required agreement. Mr. Kleinhans seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

**“Replacement of Flygt Submersible Pump at the Backus Avenue Pump Station – Public Utilities Dept.”** Mr. Volpe reported that Mr. Day submitted a request letter from Veolia Water, dated July 30, 2023, to purchase the subject pump at the total cost of \$24,943.20, plus an estimated freight cost of \$500.00. Mr. Volpe stated that, along with their request letter, Veolia Water included a quote from Fleet Pump, the authorized Flygt Pump dealer for the CT territory, which indicated that the actual cost of the pump is being passed through to the City of Danbury. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that Veolia Water requested the purchase of the replacement pump in accordance with their operating agreement with the City of Danbury for the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Mr. Day moved to award the purchase of the replacement pump to Veolia Water as per their operating agreement with the City of Danbury for the WWTP. Mr. Kleinhans seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

**“Annual Public Safety Vehicle Mobile Data Terminal FirstNet Cellular Service – IT Dept.”** Mr. Volpe reported that Mr. Gentile submitted a memo, dated August 10, 2023, in which he requested an extension with AT&T Mobility to provide the subject services for fiscal year 2023/2024. Mr. Volpe stated that, in his memo, Mr. Gentile indicated that the EMS Dept. had 15 modems at a cost of \$600.44 per month, the Fire Dept. had 2 modems at a cost of \$79.46 per month, and the Police Dept. had 96 modems at a cost of \$3,820.70 per month. Mr. Volpe noted that the number of modems could change throughout the year, and that each department budget would be charged accordingly. Mr. Volpe informed the Board that the cost of the service was per AT&T’s master contract award with the State of CT. Mr. Gentile moved to award the subject services to AT&T Mobility as per the state contract. Mr. Kleinhans 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. Kleinhans seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously. The Board of Awards adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: All Attendees  
Mayor Esposito  
J. Giegler  
A. Iadarola  
S. Kaminski  
N. Wagner