

Memorandum



Date: December 12, 2023

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(19)

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Recommendation to Establish a Prequalification Pool for Pipe and Fittings for Water and Wastewater Service

Summary

This item is for the purchase of valves and cast ductile-iron and cast gray-iron pipe and fittings for water and wastewater services for the Water and Sewer Department (WASD). Upon establishment of the pool, WASD will make purchases via spot market competition on an as-needed basis. These purchases may include, but are not limited to, ductile pipes and fittings such as plug valves, butterfly valves, check valves, gate valves, and iron pipes in support of WASD's water and wastewater plants, as well as its water distribution and wastewater collection systems. This pool will also allow WASD to continue facilitating the Consent Decree projects as mandated by the County's agreement with the United States Department of Justice and to support daily operations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the establishment of a prequalification pool, *EVN0000248, Pipe & Fittings for Water and Wastewater Service*, for WASD with an allocation of \$23,805,000 for a five-year term. The establishment of a pool is recommended due to the varying structures, valves, fittings, and pipe diameters that need to be serviced, replaced and/or repaired, which makes it difficult to establish estimated quantities for a fixed-price contract. The pool will streamline processes and reduce time to procure these goods and services.

The recommended pool will replace an existing prequalification pool, *9711-0/23*, which was established by the Board on September 17, 2013, through Resolution No. R-740-13. The pool currently has 13 prequalified vendors, of which five have local addresses and three are certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms. To track pool expenditures by vendor, bidding under this and other prequalification pools are being conducted in a single platform, INFORMS, which will allow staff to provide reports to the Board, as requested.

Background

WASD has been using the existing pool extensively to support required operational and capital projects. The department has been purchasing various types of concrete pipe and fittings, cylindrical prestressed and other types; cast ductile-iron and cast gray-iron pipes and fittings; and ductile pipes and fittings such as plug valves, butterfly valves, check valves, gate valves, and iron pipes. These materials must comply with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), and/or American Water Works Association standards (AWWA) and are necessary to provide adequate levels of service to the department's customers while maintaining a robust renewal and replacement rate for water and sewer pipeline infrastructure. In addition to supporting daily operations and capital improvement needs to facilitate Consent Decree projects, the pool is also utilized to respond to emergencies and conduct expeditious repairs.

To ensure maximum opportunity for local and small businesses to participate in this solicitation and subsequent spot market competitions thereunder, prior to advertisement, market research was conducted, and the scope of services was posted on the County's future solicitations website for two weeks. Additional outreach efforts included contacting vendors identified through market research, as well as notifying incumbent vendors. On May 30, 2023, a solicitation was issued and 747 vendors were notified and invited in INFORMS. As of the closing date of June 22, 2023, 11 submittals were received.

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Scope

The scope of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the five-year term is \$23,805,000. The current pool, 9711-0/23, has a cumulative allocation of \$58,857,390 for a ten-year and three-month term and expires on March 31, 2024. The allocation under the replacement pool is lower than the current pool on an annualized basis due to the projected decrease in the operational need for pipe and fittings for WASD, since major repairs and capital projects were performed under the current pool.

Department	Allocation	Funding Source	Contract Manager
WASD	\$23,805,000	Proprietary Funds	Frederick Taylor
Total	\$23,805,000		

Track Record/Monitor

Manuel Jimenez of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

Delegated Authority

Upon approval of this item, a pool of prequalified vendors will be established to participate in spot market competitions. The County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee will have the authority to solicit pricing and award contracts up to an aggregate amount of the allocation authorized by the Board. The County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee will also have the authority to (a) exercise all provisions of the solicitation documents and any resulting contracts pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38 and (b) add vendors to the pool at any time, subject to ratification by the Board on a bi-annual basis. Any contract award under the prequalification pool exceeding \$5,000,000 is subject to ratification by the Board.

Vendors Prequalified for Pool

By the closing date, 11 vendors responded to the solicitation and nine are being recommended for inclusion in the pool, all of which have local addresses, including four certified SBE firms as set forth in the table below. To include additional qualified local vendors, staff will continue to work with the remaining incumbent vendors that are pending to provide documentation to finalize their prequalification review.

The Office of Small Business Development (SBD) reviewed the project, inclusive of surveys and phone calls, and identified 17 SBE firms certified in the applicable commodity code at the time of review. From this, only one SBE responded as being able to meet the project requirements. The pool will remain open, and outreach will continue to be conducted to encourage additional participation by qualified local vendors.

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
A & B Pipe & Supply, Inc. (SBE)	6500 NW 37 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Enrique J. Collazo
Condo Electric Industrial Supply, Inc. (SBE, DBE)	3746 East 10 Court Hialeah, FL	Same	Jose G. Espinola
Core & Main LP	1830 Craig Park Court St. Louis, MO	18701 SW 108 Avenue Miami, FL	Steve LeClair
Corcel Corp. (SBE, DBE)	2461 NW 23 Street Miami, FL	Same	Ray L. Corona

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
DNE Mechanical & Plumbing Supply, Inc. (SBE)	4700 SW 74 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Hanzel Hernandez
Ferguson US Holdings, Inc. dba Ferguson Waterworks	751 Lakefront Commons Newport News, VA	10810 SW 184 Street Cutler Bay, FL	William S. Brundage
Fortiline, Inc. dba Fortiline Waterworks	15850 Dallas Parkway Dallas, TX	14202 SW 142 Avenue Miami, FL	Andrew Pacifico
GHX Industrial, LLC dba Amazon Hose & Rubber Company	2301 Winsor Court Addison, IL	1001 NW 159 Drive Miami, FL	Rich Potero
MCG Mims Construction Group, LLC (SBE)	590 NW 88 Street Miami, FL	Same	Gary Mims

Vendors Not Recommended for Prequalification

The vendors in the below table are not being recommended for prequalification for the reasons specified. SPD staff is also assisting one incumbent non-local vendor with their submission. Upon submission and verification of the required documents, this vendor may be added to the pool.

Vendor	Local Address	Reason for Not Recommending
B&G Auto Parts Warehouse	Yes	Vendor did not provide the required documents to satisfy the prequalification criteria. Upon submission of the missing documents, the vendor may be added to the pool.
The Tool Place Corporation	Yes	Vendor withdrew the submission.


Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a keyword internet search. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-140-15, prior to re-procurement, a full review of the scope of services was conducted to ensure the replacement pool reflects the County's current needs. The review included conducting market research, posting a draft solicitation for industry comment, and holding meetings and drafting sessions with the user department. The specifications were revised to reflect the updated approved list of products, including valves, cast ductile-iron, and cast gray-iron pipe and fittings for water and wastewater services.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies.
- SBE measures and Local Preference will be applied at the time of spot market competition. Each spot market competition must be submitted to SBD for review.
- The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply.


 Jimmy Morales
 Chief Operations Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 12, 2023

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(19)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF PREQUALIFICATION POOL EVN0000248 FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$23,805,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PIPE AND FITTINGS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SOLICIT PRICING, AWARD CONTRACTS, EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS AND ANY RESULTING CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38, AND ADD VENDORS TO THE POOL AT ANY TIME, SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE BOARD ON A BI-ANNUAL BASIS; PROVIDED THAT ANY CONTRACT AWARD UNDER THE POOL EXCEEDING \$5,000,000.00 IS RATIFIED BY THE BOARD

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes the establishment of Prequalification Pool EVN0000248 for the Water and Sewer Department for a five-year term in a total amount up to \$23,805,000.00 for the purchase of pipe and fittings for water and wastewater service; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to (a) solicit pricing and award contracts up to an aggregate amount of the allocation authorized by the Board, (b) exercise all provisions of the solicitation documents and any resulting contracts pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Implementing Order 3-38, and (c) add vendors to the pool at any time, subject to ratification by the Board on a bi-annual basis; provided that any contract award under the pool exceeding \$5,000,000.00 is ratified by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eduardo W. Gonzalez