



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE 12/09/08

SUBJECT: Validation of Sole Source Vendors for Standardization Purposes

DEPARTMENT: Public Utilities

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approval to waive bid procedures and validate Barney's Pumps, Data Flow Systems, and Diamond Quest as Sole Source Vendors for standardization purposes.

SUMMARY:

Public Utilities infrastructure consists of a very elaborate and complex system of pumps, motors, generators, and other equipment necessary to operate and monitor the city's wells, remote pumping stations, and lift stations as well as our water treatment and sewer/reclaim plant facilities. In accordance with City policy and procedures, the department implements competitive bid and purchasing practices whenever possible.

In some instances, however, it is neither possible nor practical to obtain competitive quotes due to the specialized nature of certain equipment and services. When these circumstances occur, it is often due to the fact that specific parts, materials, and accessories must be purchased from either the original manufacturer or an authorized distributor. Equipment standardization is another very important consideration. For example, the City operates more than 120 lift stations. It is simply not practical nor is it feasible for in-house mechanics and operators to be trained and skilled in the repair and preventative maintenance of multiple brands and models of pumps and motors.

Few vendors are utilized on an annual basis for specific products and services that exceed \$25,000. Staff recommends the waiver of bid procedures and validation of the following vendors as a sole source for standardization purposes.

- **Barney's Pumps** – suppliers of parts and services for pumps at water and sewer treatment plants, reclaim lakes, remote pumping stations, wells, and lift stations
- **Data Flow Systems** – supplier of parts and service for all telemetry control equipment supporting lift stations, wells, and both plants.
- **Diamond Quest** – supplier of parts and service for all security control equipment at treatment plants and remote storage and pumping facilities

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance Resolution Budget Resolution
 Other Support Documents/Contracts Available for Review in Public Utilities

DEPARTMENT HEAD *[Signature]* Michael G. Ulrich *[Signature]* Date 11/26/08

FINANCE DEPARTMENT *[Signature]* Approved as to Budget Requirements *[Signature]* Date 11/26/08

CITY ATTORNEY N/A *[Signature]* Date N/A

CITY MANAGER *[Signature]* Approved Agenda Item For: 12/9/08

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved as Recommended Disapproved Tabled Indefinitely
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