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MEMORANDUM

April 29, 2011

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator 
Russell Truell, Assistant City Administrator / CFO
Mark Hilty, Water Management Director
Brian Wilcox, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of bid award to Utility Services Associates, LLC of Burien, Washington in the total estimated amount of \$10,400.00 for water distribution system leak detection survey and other related contract services for the specified estimate of 40 miles of distribution pipe (at the total quoted bid price of \$260.00 per mile) for the Water Distribution Division of the Water Management Department (Purchasing Office Procurement Solicitation No. 2011-006; \$35,000.00 budgeted in 421-82599-52102 for fiscal year 2011)

Purpose

The purpose of this procurement is to conduct a one-time water distribution system leak detection survey of the approximately 40 miles of distribution pipe that are the highest priority to the City at this time. The purpose of the leak detection survey is to increase the ratio of revenue-generating to non-revenue-generating water distributed by the City and to identify the loss of treated drinking water within the City's distribution system. The City is striving to improve the accountability for water distributed and its ultimate use or loss, reduce water lost to leakage, theft and other unauthorized uses, and to enhance customer service at reasonable rates.

Background

The City published on April 21, 2011 a Notice to Bidders in the *Williamson Herald* for water distribution system leak detection survey and other related contract services. In addition, bid documents were sent on or about the same date directly to five (5) potential bidders known or thought to be interested in this solicitation. Bids were publicly opened at the bid opening held on April 28, 2011. A tabulation of the bids received for this solicitation is attached. The apparent lowest, most responsive and responsible bid, from Utility Services Associates, LLC of Burien, Washington, is in the amount of \$260.00 per mile for the specified estimate of 40 miles of distribution pipe. This bid was identified because it is the lowest bid that meets or exceeds the City's intention as expressed and implied by the City's specifications as well as the instructions, terms and conditions pertaining to this procurement solicitation.

Financial Impact

The Water Management Department Water Distribution Division budget for fiscal year 2011 allocates \$35,000.00 out of the Water Fund for the purchase of water distribution system leak detection services.

Options

In accordance with the bid documents, the City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



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Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City accept the apparent lowest best bid, from Utility Services Associates, LLC of Burien, Washington, in the total estimated amount of \$10,400.00 for water distribution system leak detection survey and other related contract services for the specified estimate of 40 miles of distribution pipe. Purchasing Manager Brian Wilcox is of the opinion that the prepared specifications as distributed allowed for competition among multiple vendors, and that the staff recommendation appears to be made in a fair and impartial manner based upon the bids received.

Staff now plans to solicit bids for additional water distribution system leak detection survey and other related contract services for the remaining fiscal year 2011 budget available for this work.

