



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 08/15/2023

SUBJECT: **BID NO. 2022-195 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR WELDING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL/MEDICAL GASES - COUNTYWIDE - WESTAIR GASES AND EQUIPMENT, INC. - EXERCISE FIRST OPTION FOR RENEWAL - SAME FIRM FIXED PRICES AND DISCOUNT FROM LIST PRICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Bid No. 2022-195, Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases, for the first optional twelve (12) month period at the same firm fixed prices and discount from list price.

BACKGROUND

On October 18, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139475, awarded Bid No. 2022-195, Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases, Countywide, to the following vendor:

WestAir Gases and Equipment, Inc. 2 of 3 Sections

The award was based upon low bid meeting specifications and contained options to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

This contract is used for the purchase and rental of industrial/medical gases and gas containers used by various County departments. Facilities Management and all four Precincts use this contract for welding gases. Public Health and the Medical Examiner's Office use this contract for gases used in the operation of medical equipment. Containers are refilled on an ongoing, as-needed basis.

The vendor notified Purchasing in writing that their prices will remain firm through October 21, 2024.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of Purchasing that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Bid No. 2022-195, Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases, for another twelve (12) month period.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$23,227.20. Services are provided on an as-needed basis. The departments have included funding in the FY 2024 budget request.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Brad Richards Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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