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SUBJECT: BID NO. F2023159 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR HVAC WATER TREATMENT SERVICES, WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT REPAIRS, AND COOLING TOWER CLEANING SERVICES - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER UNIT PRICE, HOURLY RATE, AND MARKUP FOR PARTS

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. F2023159, Annual Contract for HVAC Water Treatment Services, Water Treatment Equipment Repairs, and Cooling Tower Cleaning Services, for Facilities Management, to the following vendors at the per unit price, hourly rate, and markup for parts:

Primary	Chem-Aqua, Inc.
Secondary	Nalco Company, LLC, d/b/a Nalco Water

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. One hundred ninety-seven (197) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. A pre-bid conference held on June 28, 2023, was attended by three (3) vendors as well as representatives from Facilities Management and Purchasing. Four (4) bids were received.

Bids were evaluated by Facilities Management and Purchasing representatives. Award recommendations are to the low bids meeting specifications. Garratt-Callahan was deemed non-responsive for failure to provide labor rates as required.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective October 13, 2023, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

HVAC water treatment is the addition of chemicals used in cooling water systems to minimize the risk of corrosion, scaling and microbiological buildup, which affects the operating efficiency and longevity of cooling equipment. Cooling tower cleaning is performed to remove scale and other deposits, which prevents these contaminants from entering the main components of the HVAC system as well as the tower itself.

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Cooling tower cleaning and chemical treatment are essential for long-term performance and to ensure no bacterial buildup or corrosion is able to develop within the HVAC system.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Facilities Management and Purchasing that Bid No. F2023159, Annual Contract for HVAC Water Treatment Services, Water Treatment Equipment Repairs, and Cooling Tower Cleaning Services, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per unit price, hourly rate, and markup for parts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$136,837.00. The County's future cost will be determined by the services provided on an as-needed basis. The department has included funding in the FY 2024 budget request.