



Legislation Text

File #: 15-11627, Version: 1

Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control Services

Action:

- A. Approve a unit price contract with Duke’s Root Control Inc. for sanitary sewer chemical root control services for an initial term of two years, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, two-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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Explanation

- This contract provides for the chemical root control treatment of approximately 300 miles of sanitary sewer mains throughout the Charlotte Water service area.
- Root control is necessary to inhibit roots from entering the sanitary sewer collection system and causing sanitary sewer back-ups and overflows.
- Since 2005, Charlotte Water has used a chemical root control program. The process does not harm trees and is widely used by municipalities.
- Charlotte Water evaluated several products and determined that Razorooter from Duke’s Root Control Inc. best meets the city’s needs in terms of product effectiveness.
- Waiver of a competitive solicitation process for services may be granted on a limited basis when deemed appropriate and in the city’s best interest. A waiver has been approved for these services based on a combination of the effectiveness and environmental tolerance of the products and the proprietary process.
- Total annual expenditures are estimated to be \$2,000,000.
- Price adjustments will be made annually based on the most recently published Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index.

Charlotte Business INclusion

Per Charlotte Business INclusion Policy: Part C: Section 2.1(a), the city shall not establish Subcontracting Goals for Contracts where: (a) there are not subcontracting opportunities identified for the Contract; or (b) there are no SBEs or MBEs certified to perform the scopes of work that the city regards as realistic opportunities for subcontracting.

This contract meets the provisions of (a) - No subcontracting opportunities.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Charlotte Water Capital Investment Plan