

Legislation Text

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Wastewater Treatment Chemical

Action:

- A. Approve a unit price contract to the lowest responsive bidder PVS Technologies Inc. for the purchase of ferric chloride for a term of one year, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- Charlotte Water uses ferric chloride in the wastewater treatment process to meet permitting requirements which ensure the treated water is safe for customers and the environment.
- North Carolina General Statute 143-129.9 indicates the alternative competitive bidding methods for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment, including a reverse auction as an appropriate form of bidding.
- On January 20, 2020, the city issued an Invitation to Bid; two bids were received.
- On April 23, 2020, the city held a reverse auction to obtain pricing. The reverse auction process is a real time purchasing process in which bidders compete to provide goods at the lowest selling price in an open and interactive environment. By using the reverse auction method, the city was able to gain increased competition and coordinate all the treatment chemical contracts into one contract cycle.
- PVS Technologies Inc. was selected as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.
- Total contract expenditures are estimated to be \$1,303,550.

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 no subcontracting opportunities identified for the Contract; or (b) there are no MWBEs or SBEs 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 Operating Budget