City of Charlotte

Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Government Center
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Charlotte, NC 28202

Legislation Text

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Metering Equipment

Action:
A. **Approve the purchase of water meters, registers, transmitters, replacement meter parts, and maintenance by the sole source exemption,**

B. **Approve unit price contracts for the purchase of water meters, registers, transmitters, replacement meter parts, and maintenance for the term of one year to the following:**
    - **Badger Meter, Inc.,**
    - **Core & Main LP dba L & M Supply,**
    - **Itron Inc.,**
    - **Mueller Systems, LLC, and**

C. **Authorize the City Manager to renew the contracts for up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contracts consistent with the purpose for which the contracts were approved.**

Staff Resource(s):
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Sole Source Exemption
- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
    - Performance or price competition are not available;
    - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
    - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for these contracts because the needed products and maintenance are available from only one source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation
- These contracts will provide for routine replacement of water meter parts, registers, transmitters, and new installations of residential, commercial, and industrial meters.
- The replacement meter parts, accessories, and radio equipment must be compatible with the existing meters and current city systems.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be $3,300,000.

Charlotte Business INClusion
These are sole source contracts and are exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INClusion Policy).

Fiscal Note
Funding: Charlotte Water Capital Investment Plan