



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Kenny Construction Company, to perform sewer rehabilitation activities on the District's Stockyard Sewer (19-158-2S), in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1526687 (*As Revised*)

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Kenny Construction Company to perform sewer rehabilitation activities on the District's Stockyard Sewer (19-158-2S).

The City of Chicago currently has a competitively bid contract with Kenny Construction Company for the rehabilitation of large diameter sewers using the geopolymer technology. The invitation to bid was issued to establish a contract to rehabilitate large diameter sewers located primarily in the area formerly occupied by the Chicago Stockyards.

During the performance of the work on the City of Chicago sewer, the Contractor observed that the downstream District sewer, to which the City sewer connects, has experienced severe deterioration. This 9' diameter brick sewer, which consists of as many as six layers of brick in the lower portion, had deteriorated so significantly that in some places five of the six layers of brick were missing. To address the immediate safety and stability of the sewer, District bricklayers were dispatched to patch the holes and replace missing brick; however, these repairs must be followed by a complete lining of the sewer to provide a lasting benefit.

The contractor is currently working in the City's upstream sewer immediately adjacent to the District sewer and has already excavated an access shaft down to the sewer to allow for the rehabilitation. In order to meet the commitments made to the private property owner, work in this area will be concluding by Labor Day. Upon restoration of the site this season, it will be impossible to perform the rehabilitation work this year and the site may not be available again until late spring 2020 at the earliest. In order to ensure that the District's sewer is rehabilitated as soon as possible it is desirable to perform the work under the City's contract. This request is being made under the District's Purchasing Act (70 ILCS 2605/11.4) since Kenny Construction Company is the only company that can perform the service. Performing the work in this manner also has the benefit of avoiding additional mobilization, excavation, and restoration costs in the future and minimizes the disruption to the privately owned land on which the sewer is located. Payment will be made to Kenny Construction Company according to the actual quantities of work measured in the field, at unit prices based on those in their contract with the City of Chicago.

Kenny Construction and its related subcontractor(s) are in compliance with the District's Multi-Project Labor Agreement requirements.

The geopolymer material being installed on this contract must be installed by certified and authorized applicators. There are no MBE, WBE, SBE or VBE subcontractors authorized for the application of this

geopolymer material.

The agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Law Department as to form and legality.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the Director of Procurement and Materials Management be authorized to issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Kenny Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.

Funds are available in Account 201-50000-645700

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:KMF

Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman Committee on Procurement

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 8, 2018