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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to award Contract 20-023-11, Furnish and Deliver Lab Chemicals to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$118,395.27, Account 101-20000-623570

Dear Sir:

On June 18, 2020, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Director of Procurement and Materials Management to advertise for bids, Contract 20-023-11 furnish and deliver lab chemicals to various locations for a one (1) year period, beginning approximately October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

In response to a public advertisement of July 8, 2020, a bid opening was held on July 28, 2020. The bid tabulation for this contract is:

<u>GROUP A: CHEMICALS, LAB</u>	
FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, LLC	\$118,395.27
TAYLOR DISTRIBUTION GROUP, LLC	\$138,377.05
ENVIRONMENTAL EXPRESS	\$175,894.77
AGATHOS LABORATORIES, INC.	\$234,549.79

<u>GROUP B: CHEMICALS (ACID & CAUSTIC)</u>	
AGATHOS LABORATORIES, INC.	\$7,490.52

Nine hundred and seventy-seven (977) companies were notified of the contract being advertised and nineteen (19) companies requested specifications.

Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder for Group A is proposing to perform the contract in accordance with the specifications. The estimated cost for Group A of this contract was \$145,000.00, placing their bid of \$118,395.27 approximately 18.4 percent below the estimate.

Agathos Laboratories, Inc, the lowest bidder for Group B, did not bid all items as specified according to the terms of the contract. Therefore, the bid is considered non-responsive and rejected for failing to comply with the terms of the contract and in the public's best interest. The Director of Procurement and Materials Management has informed Agathos Laboratories, Inc, of this action. Items in Group B will be procured on the open market.

The Multi-Project Labor Agreement (MPLA) is not applicable to this contract because it is primarily a furnish and deliver contract.

The Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D applies only to construction contracts over a

\$100,000.00 threshold. These sections on page D-5 of the Ordinance address the types of covered contracts:

- Section 4, Coverage: The following provisions, to be known as "Appendix D" together with relevant forms shall apply and be appended to every construction contract awarded by the District where the estimated total expenditure is in excess of \$100,000.00, except contracts let in the event of an emergency contract pursuant to 70 ILCS 2605/11.5."
- Section 5. Definitions: (g) "Construction contract" means any District contract or amendment thereto, providing for a total expenditure in excess on One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation and maintenance of real property and improvement thereon or sludge hauling and any other related contract which the District deems appropriate to be subject to Appendix D consistent with the Ordinance.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the Director of Procurement and Materials Management be authorized to award Contract 20-023-11, Group A to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$118,395.27.

Purchase orders will be issued for the material as required. Payment will be based on the unit cost as indicated in the contract documents. No bid deposit is required for this contract. Funds are available in Account 101-20000-623570.

Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management, DAL:SEB:MS:cc
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 September 3, 2020

Attachments