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COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to award Contract 22-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$156,592.00, Account 101-20000-623570

Dear Sir:

On September 23, 2021, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Director of Procurement and Materials Management to advertise for bids, Contract 22-003-11, Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, beginning approximately January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

In response to a public advertisement of September 29, 2021, a bid opening was held on October 19, 2021. The bid tabulation for this contract is:

MEDICA PPE, INC.	\$93,561.75
COLONIAL SCIENTIFIC, INC.	\$146,729.60
SAF-T-GARD INTERNATIONAL, INC.	\$156,592.00
R S HUGHES COMPANY INC	\$163,061.40
U.S. COMPLIANCE CENTERS, INC..	\$191,735.00
CICERO MFG. & SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.	\$225,670.26
CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2	\$232,573.94
MEDZON HEALTH	\$340,224.40
AMERICAN FILING SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$369,635.20
SID TOOL CO., INC. D/B/A MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$411,419.30

The low bid received from Medica PPE, Inc., failed to bid all items, as specified according to the terms of the contract. Therefore, the bid is considered non-responsive and rejected in the public's best interest. The Director of Procurement and Materials Management has informed Medica PPE, Inc. of this action.

The next bid received from Colonial Scientific, Inc., contained multiple substitute gloves that were rejected for failure to meet Board of Standards specifications for safety reasons. For adequate protection, Board of Standards specifications require a 5mm glove thickness, while the proposed substitute gloves were only 3mm in thickness. Therefore, the bid is considered non-responsive and rejected in the public's best interest. The Director of Procurement and

Materials Management has informed Colonial Scientific, Inc. of this action.

Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. the lowest responsible bidder, is proposing to perform the contract in accordance with the specifications. The estimated cost for this contract is \$105,000.00, placing the total bid of \$156,592.00 approximately 49.1 percent above the estimate. Due to the unprecedented impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, global supply of laboratory gloves has become limited, and manufacturing capabilities have become uncertain. Therefore, market pricing for laboratory gloves, which are relied upon globally as a key component of safety, are significantly higher than estimated. The Director of Procurement and Materials Management is satisfied that the bid submitted by Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. is within the range of pricing available in these market conditions, based on the bids received for this contract.

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 and Appendix V 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 22-003-11, to Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$156,592.00.

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 being requested in 2022, in Account 101-20000-623570, and are contingent upon the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for that year.

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 December 16, 2021

Attachment