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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to award Contract 21-023-11, Furnish and Deliver Lab Chemicals to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group B to Colonial Scientific Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$5,627.42, Account 101-20000-623570

Dear Sir:

On June 17, 2021, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Director of Procurement and Materials Management to advertise for bids, Contract 21-023-11 furnish and deliver lab chemicals to various locations for a one (1) year period, beginning approximately October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

In response to a public advertisement of June 30, 2021, a bid opening was held on July 20, 2021.

The bid tabulation for this contract is:

GROUP A: GLASS LABWARE

FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, L.L.C.	\$141,265.39
COLONIAL SCIENTIFIC, INC	\$166,019.39

GROUP B: PLASTIC LABWARE

COLONIAL SCIENTIFIC, INC	\$5,627.42
FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, L.L.C.	\$5,766.32

The bid received from Fisher Scientific Company, L.L.C., for Group A, did not include pricing for all items as required in the general terms and conditions 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 Fisher Scientific Company, L.L.C., of this action.

The remaining bid received for Group A from Colonial Scientific, Inc., significantly exceeded the estimated cost of \$125,000.00. The bid was approximately 32.8 percent over the District's estimate and is considered too high for an award. Therefore, all bids are rejected in the public's best interest. The Director of Procurement and Materials Management has informed Colonial Scientific, Inc., of this action. Group A will be revised and re-advertised at a future date.

Colonial Scientific, Inc, the lowest responsible bidder for Group B, is proposing to perform the contract in accordance with the specifications. The estimated cost for Group B of this contract was \$5,000.00, placing their bid of \$5,627.42 approximately 12.6 percent above the estimate.

Colonial Scientific, Inc., is not registered to transact business in the State of Illinois but has submitted a certificate of good standing from the State of Virginia. The Director of Procurement and Materials Management

has given the approval to move forward with this award.

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 21-023-11, Group B to Colonial Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$5,627.42.

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 was 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 2, 2021

Attachments