

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



City Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2010

TO: Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

FROM: Ray Ambler, Purchasing & Materials Manager

SUBJECT: Water Treatment Plant Pipe Line Pigging Phase 1 in the Amount of \$171,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the award of a contract for pipeline pigging to V. Lopez Jr. and Son, Inc. for \$171,000.00 and authorize the Purchasing and Materials Manager to issue a purchase order.

DISCUSSION:

The City Water System comes from a number of wells in the area. Over some period of time, transport pipes are subject to sedimentation and deposits from water direct from the wells before treatment. They require maintenance to clear them and maintain flow volumes.

One such maintenance method has been referred to as "pigging," which is to send an independent, self-contained device or "pig" through the interior of the pipeline for purposes of inspecting or cleaning. This has not been done before on City facilities and may increase efficiency by allowing more water to be moved with less pumping energy through newly "cleaned" pipes.

A Request for Proposals was advertised in the Lompoc Record, published on the City of Lompoc Web Site, and sent statewide to contractor's plan rooms.

The following two bidders submitted bids:

V. Lopez Jr. and Son, Inc. (Santa Maria, Ca)	\$379,922.00
ARB, Inc (Lake Forest, Ca)	\$477,002.00

While both bids were from acceptable, appropriately experienced contractors, they exceeded the amount anticipated in the budget for this work. Water Treatment Plant staff have negotiated a reduced award to do only the highest priority lines with the greatest water volume, costing \$171,000.00. This is a firm, fixed-price definite quantity purchase with no escalating contingencies.

CONCLUSION:

Staff, therefore, recommends the City Council approve the award of a contract to do pipeline pigging maintenance in the amount of \$171,000.00. The award has been reviewed and recommended by Bill Koleff, Water Distribution Supervisor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds for this project are budgeted and available in Water Fund Account Number 51000-80116.

Ray Ambler, Purchasing & Materials Manager

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Brad Wilkie, Management Services Director

Ron Stassi, Utility Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator