



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/14/2021

REQUESTER: Paul Johnston

PRESENTER: David Hager, Utilities Manager

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARD, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID-2122-30 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOCAL REGISTER WATER METERS TO CORE AND MAIN, L.P., FOR SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, AND 13 AND UTILITY TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR SECTION 4, 7, AND 9 FOR THE LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

BACKGROUND:

On November 18, 2021 bids were opened on Bid-2122-30 for local register water meters for the Utilities Line Maintenance Division. Funds have been budgeted in the fiscal year 2021-2022 (FYE 22) budget for these purchases.

In FYE 96 a committee comprised of Public Works staff and Line Maintenance Division staff recommended standardizing specifications for turbine, compound and residential cold water meters due to the increasing costs associated with the difficulty in obtaining, inventorying repair parts, and purchasing water meters. The committee recommended acceptance of only Badger, Neptune Meter and Sensus Technologies water meters in the annual cold water meter contract.

Line Maintenance Division staff installs local-read water meters ranging in size from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 2" in residential developments, and replaces damaged meters, inaccurate meters, and meters exceeding design life on an annual basis. In FYE21, the Division installed 1,304 local read register water meters.

DISCUSSION:

Bid-2122-30 proposals were sent to five (5) suppliers who sell water meters meeting City of Norman specification, and there were two (2) responses. The bid provides for the purchase, on an as-needed basis, of approximately 800 residential cold water meters beginning in FYE22; this bid also allows for purchase of small quantities of large size water meters. Bid prices increased on an average of 32% over the current contract amounts approved in FYE19 due to costs associated with environmentally safe brass, fuel, copper, and shortage of materials used in the manufacture of water meters.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Bid-2122-30 be awarded to Core & Main LP and to Utility Technology Services as the lowest and best bidders meeting specifications. Prices are listed on the attached bid tabulation. Funds are available in Maintenance Supplies Meter Sets/Repairs (account 31955251-43218), with \$178,859 as an account balance for FYE 22.