

No: 25-  
Date: September 3, 2025

RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SANDPOINT

**TITLE: DECLARING HUBER TECHNOLOGY, INC., THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER OF THE Q-PRESS SCREW PRESS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

WHEREAS: The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) solids-handling building currently contains two aging belt presses used for dewatering biosolids, which are at the end of their useful life, showing significant rusting, and identified by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as a permit violation;

WHEREAS: To maintain regulatory compliance and ensure reliable operations, replacing the belt presses with two screw presses was identified and budgeted as a bridge improvement project in advance of the full WWTP reconstruction, with the goal of replacing these presses now to protect operations and the added benefit of eventual use of this equipment in the new facility once it is constructed;

WHEREAS: After evaluating alternatives and conducting a pilot test, Stantec Consulting Services, the City's consultant, recommends sole source pre-procurement of two Huber Technology Q-Press screw presses, models 440.2 or 620.2;

WHEREAS: Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes sole source procurement when there is only one vendor reasonably available or when competitive solicitation is impractical;

WHEREAS: The solids-handling building imposes dimensional and weight constraints that limit available equipment options, where the existing roof hatches and structural capacity can accommodate the Huber units, while many competing products are too large or too heavy to install without costly structural modifications or construction of a new building;

WHEREAS: In addition, the City requested pilot testing from multiple manufacturers, with only Huber Technology conducting a pilot test at the Sandpoint WWTP, where their Q-Press successfully demonstrated reliable performance in dewatering the plant's sludge and no other manufacturer providing proof of equivalent effectiveness;

WHEREAS: Schedule reliability is also a critical concern, where the belt presses are at high risk of failure and waiting for a competitive procurement would extend the timeline and potentially leave the City without a functioning dewatering system; and

WHEREAS: Pre-procurement of the Huber presses will allow design and submittal processes to move forward immediately, preventing costly delays and ensuring the WWTP can continue to operate without interruption, with the use of known equipment also allowing the design team to finalize electrical, HVAC, and piping requirements accurately, reducing redesign costs and change orders during construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2808, the City Council of the City of Sandpoint hereby declares Huber Technology, Inc., the sole source vendor for purposes of procuring two Q-Press screw presses, models 440.2 or 620.2, and related equipment for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: City staff is directed to provide for publication of this sole source expenditure declaration in the legal publications section of the Bonner County Daily Bee, the City's newspaper of record, at least 14 calendar days prior to the award of any contract to, or purchase of this equipment from, Huber Technology, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Provided no challenges are received, the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve a Purchase Order to Huber Technology, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

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Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ward, City Clerk