



January 11, 2024

To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

From: Carrie Mathes, CFCM, NIGP-CPP, CPPO, C.P.M., Manager II,
Procurement Division

Contact: Lindy A. Wolfe, PE, Manager II, Utilities Department, Engineering Division
407-254-9918

Subject: Award of Invitation for Bids Y23-7017-RC, Utilities John Young Parkway
& Taft Vineland Road-Aerial Force Main Replacement

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to award Invitation for Bids Y23-7017-RC, Utilities John Young Parkway & Taft Vineland Road-Aerial Force Main Replacement, to the low responsive and responsible bidder, Metro Equipment Service, Inc., in the total contract award amount of \$5,420,593.

In the event the bidder recommended above fails to achieve timely compliance with pre-award deliverables, as defined in the Invitation for Bids, including, but not limited to, M/WBE participation sub-contract agreements, State Division of Corporations registration, E-Verify, insurance and bonds, further request authorization for the Procurement Division to award to the next low responsive and responsible bidder as listed in the bid tabulation herein, to the extent practicable and advantageous to the County.

PROCUREMENT:

The project consists of approximately 1,250 LF of 30-inch and 36-inch force main replacements with two aerial crossings over the C-11 and C-12 canals owned by Valencia Water Control District. The project is located in District 3.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 4420-038-1539-0067-6340.

APPROVALS:

The Utilities Engineering and Business Development Divisions concur with this recommendation.

REMARKS:

Two bids were received in response to this Invitation for Bids and were evaluated for responsiveness, responsibility, and price reasonableness. The bid submitted from Metro Equipment Service, Inc. is considered reasonable based on comparison to the engineer's

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estimate. References provided were satisfactory for this type of work and Metro Equipment Service, Inc. has been determined to be responsible. Therefore, the award is recommended to Metro Equipment Service, Inc.

The bid tabulation is as follows:

BIDDERS:	BASE BID
Metro Equipment Service, Inc.	\$5,420,593.00
R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp.	\$6,662,714.60



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

October 26, 2023

TO: Rochelle Chambers, Contracting Agent
Procurement Division

FROM: Kambria Anderson, Senior Contract Administrator
Business Development Division

SUBJECT: Business Development Division M/WBE Bid Evaluation

PROJECT: **Y23-7017-RC, John Young Parkway & Taft Vineland Road-Aerial Force
Main Replacement**

The Business Development Division evaluated both bids submitted for this project and completed a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Availability Analysis. The scope of services for this project has limited M/WBE availability. As a result, the M/WBE goal was reduced to 13%. At the time of bid opening, at least 70 M/WBE firms were certified to provide the scope of services at the subcontract level.

The apparent low bid was submitted by Metro Equipment Service, Inc. The bidder reported 13.96% M/WBE participation. The bidder did not correctly complete the Contractor and Sub-Contractor Goal Participation Schedule form or the Equal Employment Workforce form.

As a result, the Business Development Division issued the bidder a Request for Clarification on October 11, 2023, for the apparent low bidder to submit:

- **Contract and Sub-Contract Goal Participation Schedule Form**
- **Good Faith Effort Form** Actions 1 through Action 5 and submit any supporting documentation.
- **Equal Employment Workforce Schedule Form**

On October 13, 2023, the apparent low bidder responded with an updated Contract and Sub-Contract Goal Participation Schedule form reporting 13.96% M/WBE participation and an updated Equal Employment Workforce Schedule Form. Therefore, the bidder met the Orange County M/WBE participation goal of 13%, **per the M/WBE Ordinance requirement.**

Sheena Ferguson

Please note the following certified M/WBE participation:

MBE-HM	On Point Surveying, Inc.	\$11,160
MBE-HM	Corcel Corp.	\$745,321
Total MWBE Participation		\$756,481 (13.96%)

The second low bid was submitted by R.P. Utility & Excavation Corp. and reported 13.06% M/WBE participation. Therefore, the bidder met the Orange County M/WBE participation goal of 13%, **per the M/WBE Ordinance requirement.**

Please note the following certified M/WBE participation:

MBE- AFAM	SOP Consulting, LLC	\$460,000
WBE-WF	Global-5, Inc.	\$32,230
MBE-HM	TEK Hauling, Inc.	\$155,000
MBE-AFAM	Bid N Build Construction, LLC.	\$23,025
MBE-HM	Corcel, Corp.	\$200,000
Total MWBE Participation		\$870,255 (13.06%)

Our evaluation of these bids was based on the participation listed on the subcontractor/supplier page. Attached is a spreadsheet reconciling the bidders' compliance with the Invitation for Bid's M/WBE requirements, including the percentage breakdown for all bidders and a comparison of the relative bids versus participation percentages.

Also, I confirm my recommendation is free of conflicts of interest.

cc: Sheena Ferguson, Manager, Business Development Division