



Open Session Item

SUBJECT: Rejection of Bid (PUR-1719) – Sharpsburg WTP Backwash Pump Replacement

PRESENTATION DATE: February 4, 2025

PRESENTATION BY: Brandi J. Kentner, CPPO, Director, Purchasing; Mark Bradshaw, Division Director of Environmental Management.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move to take action, in the best interest of the County and to request the bid for the Sharpsburg WTP Backwash Pump Replacement be rejected due to the submitted bids not meeting the specifications of the solicitation. The department shall make all necessary adjustments to the solicitation and request approval to re-advertise.

REPORT-IN-BRIEF: Notice of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) was listed on the State of Maryland’s “eMaryland Marketplace Advantage” (eMMA) website, on the County’s website, the County’s new online bidding website and in the local newspaper. Twenty-six (26) persons/companies registered/downloaded the bid document online and two (2) bids were received.

After reviewing the Two (2) Bids received for this project it has been determined that both bids failed to meet the specifications of the bid document, therefore both have been deemed non-responsive. Justification for rejection as follows: 1 - Westex Group - The bid document specifically states that if a bidder seeks to quote an alternative pump and motor, they must obtain prior approval from Washington County and provide written confirmation that the alternative unit can be installed in the same piping configuration as the existing backwash pump. Neither of these requirements were met by the vendor. Subsequent communication with the pump manufacturer confirmed that the model pump proposed was for a different application than the pump being replaced. 2 - Sydnor Hydro – The bid did not include mechanical seals as specified in the bid document.

DISCUSSION: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Bid Tabulation Matrix

AUDIO/VISUAL NEEDS: N/A

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Sharpsburg WTP Backwash Pump Replacement

1	Furnish and deliver a replacement Backwash Pump as specified in the terms of this Bid Solicitation.				
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Price	Extended	Supplier Notes
Westex Group Rockville, MD	1	Lump Sum	\$21,086.58	\$21,086.58	
Sydnor Hydro, Inc. Richmond, VA	1	Lump Sum	\$61,985.00	\$61,985.00	<u>Remarks / Exceptions:</u>
					<p>Important Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pricing is for direct replacement pump and motor, Fairbanks Model 8" 5721 horizontal Angleflow pump with 15 HP, 230-460V, 3-phase, 1800 RPM motor. This pump is a dimensional and hydraulic duplicate for existing pump serial # K2N1-050496. -Exception to 30-day delivery requirement. Current lead time is 26-weeks after receipt of order. -Exception to mechanical seal requirement, as Fairbanks has never provided a mechanical seal for this pump model in the past. The new pump will include packing for the shaft seal, which is the same arrangement as the existing pump. -Pricing is for pump, motor and coupling only. Accessories such as anchor bolts, nuts, valves, piping, fittings, air lines, control devices, pressure gauges, etc. are not included. -Existing pump baseplate to be re-used. -Installation and electrical connections to be performed by others.