

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0027

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 26, 2016

SUSPENDING COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE BACC COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Department of Utilities (DOU) operates two water treatment plants and various facilities for wastewater treatment. The prices for chemicals used in DOU's treatment processes vary from year to year.
- B. In an effort to obtain the best possible chemical bid prices on an annual basis, staff is proposing that the City purchase certain chemicals at prices obtained through the Bay Area Chemical Consortium (BACC), which is a group of approximately 60 public agencies located in the San Francisco Bay Area and elsewhere that collaboratively coordinate their chemical bids to obtain the most competitive bulk bid prices. Using the BACC bid process instead of the City's standard bid process requires a suspension of the standard bid process.
- C. City Code Section 3.56.230(c) authorizes the City Council to suspend competitive bidding for the purchase of supplies when, upon a two-thirds vote, the City Council determines it is in the best interests of the City to do so. It is in the City's best interest to suspend competitive bidding for the purchase of water and wastewater treatment chemicals via participation in the BACC process, because the significantly larger purchasing power of the BACC agencies bidding collectively will result in lower chemical bid prices than the City can obtain using a stand-alone bid process, which will save the City and City ratepayers money on chemical purchases. Staff will return to Council for approval to award any resultant chemical purchase contracts of \$100,000 or more.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. In the best interests of the City, competitive bidding is suspended for the purchase of chemicals used in the Department of Utilities' water and wastewater treatment processes, to allow the purchase of these chemicals through participation in the BACC competitive bid process, for a maximum period of 3 years.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on January 26, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, and Warren

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Johnson

Attest:

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