

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of February 21, 2017 Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 28, 2017

DATE: February 21, 2017

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Purchase of Meter Transmission Units for Water Utilities and Gas Department

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a supply agreement with Aclara Technologies LLC, of Hazelwood, Missouri for the purchase of meter transmission units (MTUs), based on the cooperative purchasing agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for a total amount not to exceed \$1,079,680.00, with an estimated expenditure of \$629,813.33 in FY2016-17. The term of the agreement is a term of 12 months, with an option to extend for up to one additional 12-month period, subject to the sole discretion of the City.

PURPOSE:

This item is to approve the purchase of Aclara Meter Transmission Units (MTUs) for Water Utilities and the Gas Department.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi has approximately 158,000-metered water and gas connections, with new service connections added daily. In 2005, the City of Corpus Christi began implementation of the automated metering infrastructure that allows the wireless collection of daily meter readings for both water and gas utilities. As such, new meter transmission units (MTUs) must be installed to replace those that are broken,

damaged or at new service connections lacking the required equipment. It is estimated that the Water Utilities will need approximately 8,000 units per year (6,000 for replacement and 2,000 for new services), and the Gas Department will need approximately 4,000 units for similar activities.

ALTERNATIVES:

The equipment identified is the optimum choice based on compatibility to existing meters.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This purchase conforms to the City's purchasing policies and procedures and State statutes regulating procurement.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Water Utilities
Gas Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

x Operating	□ Revenue	□ Capital	□ Not applicable
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Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget	\$1,138,292.57	\$449,866.67	\$1,588,159.24
Encumbered /			
Expended Amount	\$378,182.64	\$0.00	\$378,182.64
This item	\$629,813.33	\$449,866.67	\$1,079,680.00
BALANCE	\$130,296.60	\$0.00	\$130,296.60

Fund(s): Water Fund and Gas Fund

Comments:

The initial contract term total is a total amount not to exceed \$1,079,680.00, with an estimated expenditure of 629,813.33 to be funded in FY2016-17. The total estimated contract value will be \$2,159,360.00 if all option years are executed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the motion as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet Supply Agreement