

**Meeting Date:** 4/23/2015

**Report Type:** Consent

**Report ID:** 2015-00341

**Title:** Rejection of Bids, B15141421023 Wastewater Rodder Equipment and Parts

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a Motion rejecting all bids for Bid B15141421023, Wastewater Rodder Equipment and Parts.

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**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Department Of Utilities

**Division:** Logistics

**Dept ID:** 14001451

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Background

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**City Attorney Review**

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**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Bill Busath - 4/3/2015 10:11:19 AM

## Description/Analysis

### Issue:

On February 18, 2015, the Department of Utilities (DOU) Operation and Maintenance Division issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the purchase of eight categories of wastewater rodder maintenance parts and equipment. Seven companies bid and four companies were notified that they were apparent low bidders for different bid categories. After this notification, staff reviewed the IFB's Local Business Enterprise (LBE) provisions and determined that its initial bid analysis did not apply the LBE participation requirement correctly, so that some of the award notifications were not correct, and that the IFB's LBE provisions were incomplete and potentially unclear to bidders. For this reason, staff is recommending that the City Council reject all bids so this procurement can be rebid with revised LBE provisions.

### Policy Considerations:

City Council approval is required to reject all bids for supply contracts of \$100,000 or more.

**Economic Impacts:** None

### Environmental Considerations:

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The Community Development Department, Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The proposed action also constitutes an ongoing administrative activity that is not a "project" under CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)).

**Sustainability Considerations:** The purchase of wastewater rodder maintenance parts and equipment supports the City's ongoing efforts to continue to reduce sanitary sewer overflows.

**Committee/Commission Action:** Not applicable

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Rejection of all bids will allow this supply contract to be rebid with revised LBE provisions that are clear to bidders. DOU's current contract for wastewater rodder maintenance parts and equipment is in effect through June 30, 2015 so there is adequate time to rebid this purchase.

**Financial Considerations:** Rejecting all bids has no impact on the Department of Utilities operating budget.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** If all bids are rejected, the LBE provisions in the IFB will be revised so LBE participation requirements are clear to all bidders.

## **Background**

The City of Sacramento provides wastewater collection and maintenance services to residents, businesses, and industries within the City. This service consists of performing preventative maintenance as well as clearing main and lateral lines of blockage. Obstructions are often cleared through the use of rodding equipment. The Department of Utilities purchases wastewater rodder maintenance parts and equipment for its inventory to ensure continuation of service to its customers. On February 18, 2015, DOU issued Invitation for Bid (IFB) No.B15141421023 for the purchase of wastewater rodder maintenance parts and equipment. Staff is recommending that the City Council reject all bids so this procurement can be rebid with revised LBE provisions that are clear to all bidders.