

ITB No. 21-101431 On-Call Water and Sewer (Multiyear Contract with 2 Options to Renew)

**User Department's Recommendation**

**User Department Name: Watershed Management**

**Recommended Bidder(s) meets our approval:**

Annual Section:

GS Construction, Inc.

SD&C, Inc.

The Renee Group, Inc.

Emergency Section:

SD&C, Inc.

Ruby-Collins, Inc.

**Project Amount:**

B.1 Section: The department is recommending an award to 3 contractors.

1. GS Construction, Inc. - total bid of \$73,650,492 divided by 3 = \$24,550,164

2. SD&C, Inc. - total bid of \$73,908,025 divided by 3 = \$24,636,008.33

3. The Renee Group, Inc. - total bid of \$76,987,762.80 divided by 3 = \$25,662,587.60

Total Amount: \$74,848,759.93 for 2 years

B.2 Emergency Section: The department is recommending an award to 2 contractors.

1. SD&C, Inc. - total bid of \$24,037,429 divided by 2 = \$12,018,714.50

2. Ruby-Collins, Inc. - total bid of \$25,504,005.55 divided by 2 = \$12,752,002.78

Total Amount: \$24,770,717.28 for 2 year

NTE \$99,619,477.21 for 2 years

**Funding:** R&E

**General**  **Enterprise**

**3 Digit Fund Code** 513

**CIP Line Item No. (if applicable):** Various

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Justification:

GS Construction, Inc., SD&C, Inc. and The Renee Group, Inc. have the lowest bid costs of the 4 initial bidders on the Annual Section (also lowest of the final 4 bidders after receipt of revised pricing in late June 2022 following expiration of the original bid time to hold pricing). The contractors will hold their revised pricing provided in their clarified unit price form through the P&C required 12/31/22.

SD&C, Inc. and Ruby-Collins, Inc. have the lowest bid costs of 4 bidders on the Emergency Section and will hold their revised pricing provided in their clarified unit price form through the P&C required 12/31/22.

The cost estimate for this project was approximately \$91.8M (Annual and Emergency Sections combined) overall. Bids received ranged from \$97.9M - \$116.3M overall.

The three lowest bidders of the Annual Section (GS, SD&C and RGI) at \$73.6M - \$76.9M are 13-18% higher than the cost estimate for this project of \$65M for the Annual Section. This is not considered unreasonable given the current supply chain issues, price escalations on materials in the market and the request for the contractors to hold their pricing through 12/31/22 (6 month period from the time of revised bids in a time of high inflation and uncertainty increases the risk on the contractors to hold pricing for that long).

The two lowest bidders of the Emergency Section (SD&C and Ruby-Collins) at \$24.0M and \$25.5M are 4-11% lower than the cost estimate for this project of \$26.6M for the Emergency Section.

GS, Construction, Inc., SD&C, Inc. and The Renee Group, Inc. are all capable contractors which are more than suited to completing the scope of work in this project. They have worked successfully with DWM on other previous CIP projects including On-Call work order style contracts such as this. SD&C, Inc. and Ruby-Collins, Inc. are also capable contractors of handling Emergency style work contained in this contract.

Timing is of the essence in award of these contracts. There is a large backlog of work, primarily water main replacements of failing water mains throughout the County which are planned through these contracts. Delays in replacement of water and sewer mains associated with this contract will continue to cause frequent customer outages and traffic disruptions throughout the County. Additionally, the Emergency Section contract award is a vital contract for DWM allowing emergency repairs of water and sewer infrastructure by contractor crews in a timely manner which otherwise would not be available through limited availability of County crews.

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Supervisor/Designee                      Date

07/22/22

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David E. Hayes, Interim Director                      Date

Department of Watershed Management