



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: September 12, 2023

Subject: Purchase of Two (2) Solar Powered LED Message Boards from Quinn Cat Rental

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Purchase Order for \$46,891.42 for the purchase of two (2) Solar Powered LED Message Boards from Quinn Cat Rental in such final form as approved by the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute change orders not to exceed a 10% contingency of \$4,689.00 for unanticipated costs.

Background

Traffic safety is an unsettling responsibility for any City. Delivering vehicle operator and pedestrian information is arguably one of the most critical measures to protect and safeguard the public in many different situations. A Road safety mobile, changeable message board greatly benefits this end and can be used to alert and inform motorists on roadway construction or maintenance projects. Changeable message boards may also be used for incident management, DUIs, emergencies, special events, or notification of future construction or events.

Discussion

The SolarTech Silent (MSGR 2LR) Messenger Board can contribute to safer conditions on the road for drivers. By providing drivers with real-time traffic information and communicating about upcoming hazards, accidents, or harsh road conditions, drivers can adjust their routes or drive accordingly. These signs often encourage drivers to slow down and look for hazards on the road, which can result in fewer accidents and safer conditions for everyone. These message boards are designed to inform drivers, so they are made with durability, reliability, and visibility in mind. A significant benefit to the SolarTech Silent (MSGR 2LR) Messenger Board is its mobility, solar power, and ability to communicate real-time information to the message board. Some of the Silent (MSGR 2LR) specifications are included below:

2 Solar Powered LED Message Boards

- 54" X 92" Case 27 X 48 Pixel
- EZ Fold 160-Watt Solar Array Default Font Power Miser
- 4 Standard Batteries
- Battery Charger 45AMP 115VAC 50/60 HZ
- 2" Ball Coupler

The SolarTech Silent (MSGR 2LR) Messenger Board has been competitively bid and priced on Sourcewell, Contract # 062320-CAT Sourcewell Member ID# 062320. Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance, was created by state law as a service cooperative to provide programs and services to members in education and government. Sourcewell was established with the statutory purpose of assisting members in meeting specific needs which are more efficiently delivered cooperatively than by an entity individually. Sourcewell is authorized to establish competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contracts for itself and its member agencies. Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate, and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Member agencies include all eligible government, education, and non-profit agencies nationwide and in Canada.

Waive of Competitive Bidding Procedures

Under Section 3.08.070(G) of the Municipal Code, the City Council can waive the competitive bidding requirement that would otherwise be utilized for this purchase. The benefits outlined above support the finding that waiving the competitive bidding requirement for this purchase is in the City's best interest. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council waive the competitive bidding according to Municipal Code Section 3.08.070(G) and allow the City Manager to purchase the two (2) Solar Powered LED Message Boards as outlined in this agenda report.

Fiscal Impact

Funds are available in the City's Fiscal Year 23/24 Annual Operating Budget.

Attachments

Attachment 1- Quote