

**COMPETITION EXCEPTION REPORT**

Competition exception is the decision to purchase without competition through the use of bidding, formal solicitation, request for qualification, or a request for proposal when competition is available.

**SOLE SOURCE**

Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available capability to meet the requirement such as technical qualifications, ability to deliver based on distribution restrictions, or services from a public utility. See the Purchasing Manual Section 40.2 for examples.

**Procurement Contact:** Shari Pine

**Date:** 01/04/2018

**Department Contact:** Gloria Aust **E1 Doc No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Cost:** \$200,000.00

**COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION:**

Sensus Water Meters

**CER/SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION:**

Core and Main is the local distributor for Sensus Water Meters. The City of Olathe currently has Sensus water meters installed and meters read into the Sensus AMI. It would be difficult and expensive to equip any other brand of water meters to read into the Sensus AMI. Doing so could lead to issues with meter readings not reading in, should we begin retrofitting other meter manufactures with the Sensus AMI.

The majority of the water meter expenditure is for new services (newly tapped), in which the costs are recovered at the time that a water permit is paid for. Only a small portion of the budget is for meters that are replaced that can not be returned for warranty replacement (frozen meters, meters that have been tampered with, etc). In the case that a meter is tampered with, the cost is passed on to the person who is responsible for the water bill at that particular address.

**Approved:**  1-4-19 (Department Director)

**Approved:**  (Procurement Manager)

**Over \$25,000:**  
**Approved:**  (City Manager)

Attach a copy of completed, signed form to requisition or department purchase order.