



City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 1/8/2019

DEPARTMENT: Resource Management

STAFF CONTACT: Mary Jaeger/Amy Tharnish

SUBJECT: Acceptance of bid and consideration of award of contract to Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. (d/b/a Wachs Water Services) for water valve and hydrant exercise, inspections and fire flow testing.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Acceptance of bid and consideration of award of contract to Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. (d/b/a Wachs Water Services) for water valve and hydrant exercise, inspections and fire flow testing.

SUMMARY: In July 2016, The City of Kansas City, Missouri Water Services Department competitively issued a bid and awarded a professional, specialized or technical services contract (Contract No. 9223) to Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. (d/b/a Wachs Water Services) for water valve and hydrant assessments, mapping and data management.

Wachs Water Services agreed, as part of KCMO Water Services Department Contract No. 9223, to provide services to any municipality, governmental public utility, or any member of Mid-America Regional Council to accept and award this cooperative purchase contract. The City of Olathe has previously utilized this contract for water valve and hydrant exercise, inspections and fire flow testing in 2017 and 2018.

For 2019, it is proposed that Wachs Water Services inventory, exercise and inspect an additional 800 water distribution valves and perform the fire flow testing and inspection on an additional 1,140 fire hydrants throughout the City of Olathe's Water Service Area.

Wachs Water Services is nationally known for providing water distribution system asset management services and authored the "Valve Exercise Procedure" implemented by the American Water Works Association. Wachs Water Services. They have performed valve management services for many large municipalities (Houston and Baltimore, among others) and is currently providing valve exercise services for both KCMO Water and BPU. Wachs Water Services' presence in the area, working with other municipal water systems, reduces mobilization costs and provides greater value to Olathe's valve exercise project. The critical nature of these valves requires a high level of expertise and a proven track record of similar projects.

Staff recommends award of this contract to Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. (d/b/a Wachs Water Services). No Olathe companies provides this service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Anticipated expenditures for 2019 are \$293,500. Expenditures will be charged to the Water and Sewer Fund.

ACTION NEEDED:

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ATTACHMENT(S): None
