COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Water System	Presenter(s):	Tony Parrott
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 10, 2009	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's recommendation to award Chemical Bid #718 to nine companies that were low bidders on items used by the Fayette County Water System for water treatment.

Background/History/Details:

This is an annual bid. The last bid of this type was approved at the September 11, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting. These prices will be valid for a period of 12 months.

Chemical Bid #718 is for chemicals used in the treatment of water. With the variety of chemicals used, there were a total of nine low bidders that were the low bidders on different items.

The nine low bidders for each item are: General Chemical Performance Products, Inc., JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Brenntag Mid-South, Industrial Chemicals, Unimim d/b/a Southern Lime Company, Chemrite, Inc., Pristine Water Solutions, Inc., Ashland Hercules Water Technology, and American Development Corporation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's recommendation to award Bid #718 for acquisition of chemicals for the Water System to the nine bidders as detailed above.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding for the Water System for water treatment are budgeted annually.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Yes	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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To: Jack Krakeel

From: Tim Jones TJ

Date: August 31, 2009

Subject: Chemicals Recommendation

Sealed bid were requested for the subject item. A bid talley sheet is attached for your review.

In Tony Parrott's attached recommendation, the low bidder is recommended for each item that is requested for award, and there is a total of nine companies recommended.

Initially I was concerned that the county would be paying more than necessary for two of the chemicals on this bid, sodium chlorite and sodium silica fluoride, after December 31, 2009. Although there is the possibility of a price increase for the two aforementioned chemicals with the recommended low bidder, we checked the recent history of the chemicals that are on the current agreement of the prices that were not held firm for the duration of that agreement, and on those chemicals, there are four prices that have increased in price. However, prices on these four items just increased with only one month left in the contract period.

There has been one other chemical used by the Water System that has increased in price, but that chemical was not awarded because no one bid on it. Although prices for the other two aforementioned items could still increase after December 31, 2009, despite my bringing this to Tony Parrott's attention, Tony still recommends the low bidder for those items, and I concur with Tony's recommendation.

If this recommendation meets your approval, please place this item on the next available consent agenda. If any additional information is needed, please let me know.

TJ/tcb

Attachments

cc: Tony Parrott