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SUBJECT: **BID NO. 2017-180 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF 3,000 GALLON AND 4,000 GALLON WATER TANK TRUCKS (COMPOSITE UNITS) AND CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK - ALL PRECINCTS - VARIOUS VENDORS - PER UNIT PRICE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid 2017-180, Annual Contract for Purchase of 3,000 Gallon and 4,000 Gallon Water Tank Trucks (Composite Units) and Cab and Chassis Truck, for all Precincts, to the following vendors at the per unit price:

PrimaryRush Truck Centers of Texas, LP	2 of 4 Items
Niece Equipment, LP	1 of 4 Items

BACKGROUND:

Notice of the County’s intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. One hundred sixty-three (163) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. A pre-bid conference held on August 17, 2017 was attended by five (5) vendors as well as representatives from Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and Purchasing. Seven (7) bids were received.

Bids were evaluated by the four (4) Maintenance Precincts and Purchasing representatives. Award recommendations are to the low bids meeting specifications.

Bids received from Klein Products, Inc., Premier Truck Group, and Southwest International Trucks, Inc., are deemed non-responsive for failure to included Addendum #1. Truck Works Holding, LLC did not meet specifications for Item 4 because vendor took exception to three (3) items, item A2 which requires heads and baffles of tank to be full section, dished and flanged, theirs are not flanged; item E1 requires an eight (8) flow gravity flow bar, theirs is a pressurized spray bar; item K2 requires vendor to be located within two hundred (200) miles of Tarrant County, vendor is located in Phoenix, AZ. Vendor did include pick-up and delivery in their pricing; however, Tarrant County does not desire its Asset, Cab and Chassis Truck to leave the State of Texas. Volvo and Mack Truck of Waco did not meet specifications for Item Two (2) because vendor took exception to eleven (11) specification items, this includes Item A14a which requires two (2) 50-gallon fuel tanks on driver and passenger side, theirs is an 88-gallon tank on driver’s side; item B8 requires a 24 inch Manway, theirs is a 20 inch; item B11 requires two (2) sight tube gauges with float and ball valve on bottom of tube,

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theirs does not have a float or ball valve, and eight (8) other items which include items E5, E6, E7, G1, G3, G4, G5 and G6. Volvo and Mack Truck of Waco did not meet specifications for Item Three because Item 6a requires a 12 liter engine, theirs is an 11 liter engine. Volvo and Mack Truck of Waco also failed to meet specification for Item Four, specifications is for the purchase and installation of a Water Tank Body on a County owned Truck, theirs requires you to purchase a truck and is not a stand-alone item. Item Three will not have an award because there were only no bids or a non-qualifying bid received for this item.

The term of the contract is effective October 3, 2017 through September 30, 2018, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of the four (4) Maintenance Precincts and Purchasing that Bid No. 2017-180, Annual Contract for Purchase of 3,000 Gallon and 4,000 Gallon Water Tank Trucks (Composite Units) and Cab and Chassis Truck, be awarded to vendors listed above at the per unit price.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Orders are placed on an as-needed basis.