



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to provide approval for sole source exemption for the purchase of a Muffin Monster for the Stirrup Iron Creek Lift Station in the amount of \$57,839.19. There are other types of equipment like the Muffin Monster, but this is a replacement of what was currently there and will result in a savings because no additional modifications will need to be completed to ensure the equipment fits. JWC Environmental is the sole manufacturer and Heyward is the exclusive JWC Environmental sales and repair representative for North Carolina. Attached is the sole manufacturer and representative letter, quote, and equipment specifications.

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division for compliance with the request for sole source exemption.

Background/Justification

The Stirrup Iron Creek Lift Station had a Muffin Monster installed which recently failed and was not repairable. The Muffin Monster is a sewage grinder designed to protect pumps and other equipment by grinding down the toughest wastewater solids into smaller particles. The smaller particles also help in preventing clogs within the sewer line that can occur when larger solids settle in the pipe and continue to allow other objects in the sewer to attach to them.

Policy Impact

This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Plan Goal 4: “Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity,” as this will result in an increase in the useful life of the pumps at that station and minimizing the risk of sanitary sewer overflows in that area.

Procurement Background

Type of purchase

- ☒ Goods
- ☐ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒

Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☒ Sole source exemption



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- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, why?

Fiscal Impact

The cost associated with this purchase will be funded from the Enterprise Fund FY21 Operational Budget.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends the Board approve the sole source exemption for the purchase of a Muffin Monster for the Stirrup Iron Creek Lift Station in the amount of \$57,839.19.