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Annual Contract for Horizontal Directional Drilling (B)

GRU’s water, wastewater, and natural gas systems install underground pipe, conduit and cable through a trenchless technology known as horizontal directional drilling. This type of drilling is used when trenching or excavating is not practical at a work site, such as a roadway or sidewalk. Work can be performed at the site to repair or install water, wastewater and natural gas infrastructure equipment with fewer open cuts, reducing repair costs, expediting service restoration and improving public safety. Establishing annual contracts for these services allows GRU departments to have contractors available to perform horizontal directional drilling services as needed to facilitate repairs. Since the primary contractor may not be available to respond to an unanticipated and urgent repair, having a contract with a secondary contractor helps to reduce work delays. The combined annual cost for these services is approximately \$750,000.

An Invitation to Bid for this work was sent by Utilities Purchasing to the known companies that perform this type of work and the bid was posted on GRU’s web page. Four bids were received which were evaluated based on pricing, availability and contractor experience. D&D, Inc., a small business, submitted the best bid and is being recommended for award of a contract as the primary contractor. General Underground, LLC, a small minority-owned business, submitted the next best bid and is recommended for award of a secondary contract. A tabulation is attached for reference.

Funding for this work is included in GRU’s Capital Improvements budget for FY 2015 and will be requested in future fiscal year budgets.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the Interim General Manager, or her designee, to execute annual contracts for a three-year period with D&D, Inc. as the primary contractor, and General Underground, LLC as the secondary contractor, for horizontal directional drilling services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the issuance of purchase orders to D&D, Inc. and General Underground, LLC in amounts not exceeding budgeted amounts for each year of the contract, subject to the appropriation of funds for these services for each fiscal year of the contract.