WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2016- 255

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF COLD WATER METERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD TO RIO SUPPLY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Deptford (hereinafter referred to as "Township") has a desire to award a bid for the purchase of cold water meters for the Township; and

WHEREAS, three years ago, the Township made the decision to standardize the use and reading of water meters installed within the Township water system; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to purchase water meters made by the same manufacturer and/or a water meter by a manufacturer that works with the Township water system; and

WHEREAS, the Township utilizes the T-10 Neptune 900 Meter to achieve this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Township recommends the Neptune meter be purchased by residential and commercial users who require a new or replacement water meter; and

WHEREAS, there are now over 900 Neptune water meters currently installed and being read in the Township's water system; and

WHEREAS, the Township solicited for and received sealed bids for the purchase of cold water meters which were opened on Wednesday, September 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township received the following bids:

	5/8 x 3/4 inside meter	5/8 x 3/4 pit	3/4 x 3/4 regular	1" inside meter	1" pit
Rio Supply, Inc.	$88.00	$98.00	$155.00	$178.00	$188.00
HD Supply Waterworks	$80.00	$84.00	$127.00	$152.00	$161.00

; and

WHEREAS, HD Supply Waterworks (hereinafter referred to as "HD") submitted the

lowest bid in the amounts as listed above; and

WHEREAS, HD took exception to the bid specifications as promulgated by the Township by letter dated September 13, 2016 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the bid package supplied by the Township states that if any exceptions to the bid are noted, the Township reserves the right to require the Bidder to demonstrate the workability and/or compatibility with the Township's current usage, needs and operation; and

WHEREAS, representatives from both HD and Rio Supply, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Rio") came to the Township to demonstrate their workability and/or compatibility with the Township's current system; and

WHEREAS, field testing was performed at four (4) specific locations in the presence of the Township Water and Sewer Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the field testing indicated that HD was not able to read the meters at three of the locations which included Neptune meters; and

WHEREAS, Rio was able to read the Neptune meters at the locations; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to reject the bid from HD Supply Waterworks based upon the field testing which demonstrated that HD cannot read the Neptune water meter which is the recommended meter by the Township to be purchased by residential and commercial users who require a new or replacement meter and HD cannot demonstrate workability and/or compatibility with the Township's current usage, needs or operation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Water and Sewer Superintendent issued a letter dated October 3, 2016 recommending the bid be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Rio Supply, Inc. in an amount not to exceed the amounts listed in the bid proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Agent issued a letter dated October 3, 2016 recommending the bid be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Rio Supply, Inc. in an amount not to exceed the amounts listed in the bid proposal; and

WHEREAS, a Certification has been issued by the Chief Financial Officer of the

Township of West Deptford certifying that sufficient funds have been appropriated and are available to cover this Contract, the original of said Certification is attached to the original of this Resolution and shall be filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township Committee does hereby award a contract for the purchase of cold water meters for the Township of West Deptford to Rio Supply, Inc. in the amount not to exceed the amounts listed in the bid proposal.

2. That the Mayor and/or Township Administrator be and is hereby authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the Township.

ADOPTED at the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford held on October 5, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

Denice DiCarlo

DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lee Ann DeHart

LEE ANN DEHART, Acting Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Lee Ann DeHart, Acting Municipal Clerk, of the Township of West Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Township of West Deptford held on October 5, 2016.

Lee Ann DeHart

LEE ANN DEHART, Acting Municipal Clerk

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October 3, 2016

Law Office of Timothy D. Scaffidi
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Re: Cold Water Meter Bids - Recommendation of Bid Award

Dear Mr. Scaffidi:

I have reviewed the bids submitted for water meters received on September 14, 2016 by West Deptford Township. The low bidder, HD Supply Waterworks, intends to supply West Deptford with Sensus water meters. Three years ago, West Deptford made the decision to standardize the use and reading of water meters installed within the system. Therefore, instead of changing the brand of meters used by the Township every year when a new bid is put out, West Deptford wants to purchase water meters from the same manufacturer and/or from a manufacturer that can work with the new system. The T-10 Neptune R900 was selected to be that meter. The Township requires the Neptune meter to be purchased by residential and commercial users who need a new or replacement water meter for compatibility with the Township system. At this point, there are 900 plus Neptune meters installed and read in the Township water system.

The bid document specifications state, "If exceptions are noted, West Deptford reserves the right to require Bidder to demonstrate the workability and /or compatibility with the Townships' current usage, needs, and operations." In accordance with this requirement, and based on the field demonstration, I recommend that the bid submitted by HD Supply Waterworks for the Sensus meter be rejected, and that the bid submitted by Rio Supply for the Neptune Meter be accepted.

Sincerely,

Keith Lamb
Water & Sewer Superintendent
West Deptford Water & Sewer Department

cc: Deborah Turner-Fox, Township Administrator
Barbara Lamplugh, Purchasing Agent

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Re: Cold Water Meter Bids - Recommendation to Award

Dear Mr. Scaffidi:

We received and opened the second round of the advertised bids for Cold Water Meters on Wednesday September 14, 2016. We received two (2) responses from Rio Supply Inc. ("Rio") and HD Supply Waterworks ("HD"). I have attached the bid tabulation sheet for your review. As you will see, HD Supply took exception to the bid, which I have also attached a copy of the exception sheet dated September 13, 2016 for your review. In the Township bid, the bid states that if any exceptions were noted, "then the Township reserves the right to require bidder to demonstrate the workability and/or compatibility with the Townships current usage, needs and operations."

As such, on Friday September 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., the Township had representatives from both companies come to the Township to demonstrate their products and their workability and compatibility with the Township current system.

The first location was at LS Power Plant where a Sensus meter was installed by a private company contracted by LS Power. Initially, it was determined that the meter was not installed properly but once a representative from HD fixed the meter, HD was able to read the touch pad. Rio was not able to read the Sensus meter.

The second location was Forest Creek Parkway where there is a Sensus meter with a Rio radio head installed. Rio was able to read the meter but HD was not able to read the meter.

The third location was Clement Drive in the Sherwood/Margaux development where there are Neptune meters installed. Rio was able to read the meters but HD was not able to read the Neptune meters.

The fourth and final location for the testing was Karen Ann Court at the Jessup Run development. At this location, there are all Neptune meters installed on the street and Rio was able to read all the meters, but HD was not able to read any of the meters.

While the exception sheet from HD states that HD can read Neptune meters, based upon the demonstration, the Township confirmed that it cannot be done.

After reviewing the bids submitted, the exception by HD and the field testing results in the presence of Keith Lamb, Water Sewer Superintendent, the Township's recommendation is to award a one year contract to Rio Supply Inc.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Lamplugh

Barbara Lamplugh
Purchasing Agent
Township of West Deptford

cc: Deborah Turner-Fox, Township Administrator
Keith Lamb, Water and Sewer Superintendent

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Barbara Lamplugh
Purchasing Agent
West Deptford Township

Date September 13, 2016

Barbara:

Re: EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

HD Supply Waterworks LTD will be submitting a Sensus Water Meter product for consideration on your bid titled " *Furnishing and Delivering Cold Water meters/Displacement Type Magnetic Drive 5/8"x3/4-1"*.

The Sensus SRII magnetic-drive, positive-displacement meters use an oscillating piston. This feature provides superior sensitivity in measuring a wide range of flows for a variety of residential applications. The SRII meters are part of our smart-water network utility management solution. They are accurate, reliable and sustainable residential water meters that meet AWWA specifications and the evolving needs of utilities.

The meters' design features a high quality low lead cast bronze main case meeting all Annex F and G NSF 61 requirements, dual inlet ports, a patented bottom plate and a streamlined flow pattern. Together, these components provide lasting measurement accuracy and years of dependable services.

The meter's electronic register has a high-resolution, nine-digit output. SRII meters integrate seamlessly with a wide variety of AMR/AMI water meter reading technologies offering water utilities a wide range of management options.

In Summary:

The Sensus SRII is an equal to the specified brand. Both meters meet or exceed the same AWWA C707 and C700 specifications. The Sensus Meter can be read by the Specified Neptune Transmitter and the Neptune Meter can be read by The Sensus Transmitter. All meters meet the Low Lead requirements set forth by NSF61 Annex F and Annex G. The Standard Sensus SRII Brass Water Meter is migrateable to a drive-by radio system as well as a Fixed Based reading system.

I have also enclosed the technical specification data sheets with your bidding package for your review.

Sincerely,

Edward Ortlieb
District Manager

VENDOR	BID BOND	NON-COLL. AFF.	AFFIRM ACT.	SURETY	INSURANCE	DISCLOSURE	SIGNATURES	EXCEPTIONS	5/8 x 3/4 Meter Inside (Description)	5/8 x 3/4 pit (Description)	3/4 x 3/4 Regular (Description)	1" Inside Meter (Description)	1" pit TOTAL BID PRICE:
Rio Supply	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		$ 88.00	$ 98.00	$ 155.00	$ 178.00	$ 188.00
HD Supply	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		$ 80.00	$ 84.00	$ 127.00	$ 152.00	$ 161.00

Certification of Availability of Funds

This is to certify to the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford that funds for the following resolution are available:

Resolution Date: 10/5/2016

Resolution Number: 2016-

Vendor: Rio Supply, Inc.
100 Allied Parkway
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Contract: Purchase of Cold Water Meters Per Unit Price

Account Number	Description	Amount	Department Description
6-09-55-5120-0000-05800	5/8 x ¾	$88.00	Water Maint. OE
6-09-55-5120-0000-05800	5/8 x ¾ pit	$98.00	Water Maint. OE
6-09-55-5120-0000-05800	¾ x ¾	$155.00	Water Maint. OE
6-09-55-5120-0000-05800	1" inside meter	$178.00	Water Maint. OE
6-09-55-5120-0000-05800	1" pit	$188.00	Water Maint. OE

Only amounts for the 2016 Budget Year have been certified. Amounts for future years are contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated.

Christine Greenwood

Christine Greenwood, CMFO