

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON TO WAIVE THE BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS METERS AND STEEL FITTINGS.

WHEREAS, the City has a requirement to provide and manage natural gas meters for large commercial and industrial customers within the City, and the City is currently using meters that have been supplied by Dresser/Roots that include compatible Encoders, Receivers and Transmitters (ERTs), and

WHEREAS, other similar meters are available, however, they use different programming software and ERTs and are not compatible with the City's Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system, and

WHEREAS, the City has a requirement to lay natural gas mains and services, connecting to the existing steel mains within the City. Historically the fittings used have been manufactured by Mueller, and all appropriate tooling has been purchased. Other similar fittings are available, however they are not interchangeable and that would require expensive re-tooling for each different type of fitting, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Services Department shall annually evaluate whether compatible natural gas meters, ERTs from other manufacturers, and fittings become available and at such time competitively bid the purchase of natural gas meters, ERTs, and fittings from that time forward, and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280(1)(a) permits the waiver of bidding and competitive negotiation requirements for the purchase of materials and supplies which are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply, and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Staff has recently confirmed that Dresser/Roots meters are the only meters that are compatible with our existing rotary meters and rotary meter testing software. Staff has also recently confirmed that the Mueller fittings are the only fittings available that are compatible with our existing Mueller special tools.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Ellensburg hereby declares Dresser/Roots Rotary Gas Meters and Mueller Steel Pipe Fittings to be sole sources, and therefore waives bidding requirements for the purchases of Dresser/Roots Rotary Gas Meters and Mueller Steel Pipe Fittings for use within the Energy Services Department. This resolution shall be in effect through December 31, 2019.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg this 17th day of January, 2017.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

APPROVED



CITY ATTORNEY