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Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS:

A regular meeting of the **Executive Committee** of the Sewerage and Water Board was called to order on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street.

ATTENDANCE

Present: William Raymond Manning, Committee Chair
Mark M. Moody
Glen Pilie
Florence Schornstein
Charles F. Webb

Also in Attendance: Marcia A. St. Martin, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Brian Ferrara, Deputy Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Legal Counsel; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Alvin Porter, EDBP Department; Bobby Nathan, Equal Employment Opportunity Director (EEOC); Jacqueline K. Shine, Revenue Administration Department; Ethel Williams, Finance Department; Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.; John Catalanotto, MWH; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Previous Report

The Committee reviewed and approved the previous report from December 6, 2013.

The Committee considered the following forwarded action items of the Finance Committee Agenda as follows:

General Superintendent Recommendations

Bids

(R-003-2014) – Rebuilding and Installing Automatic Transmissions in Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks – Req. No. YG140004

Mr. Becker recommended that contract for rebuilding and installing automatic transmissions in medium and heavy duty trucks be awarded to Crescent Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for the amount of \$40,934.12.

(R-004-2014) – Furnishing Solid Wall (PVC) Pipe SDR 26 & 35 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) C-900 Pipe for the Water Distribution System – Req. No. YW140001

Mr. Becker recommended that contract for furnishing solid wall (PVC) pipe SDR 26 & 35 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) C-900 pipe for the water distribution system be awarded to Cimsco, Inc. for the amount of \$248,364.50.

(R-005-2014) – Furnishing Positive Displacement Type Cold Water Meters for the Meter Shop at the Main Water Plant – Req. No. MH130008

Mr. Becker stated that five (5) bids were received on November 14, 2013 for furnishing displacement type cold water meters for the Meter Shop at the main water plant. The low bidder, Zenner USA, did not submit a meter that met the contract requirement. The second lowest bidder, Neptune Technology Group did not acknowledge receipt of the addendum issued on November 6, 2013. It is therefore, recommended that the third lowest bidder, Mueller Systems be awarded the above contract for the amount of \$1,830,900.00.

(R-006-2014) – Contract 1374 – Furnishing Basin Dredge Unit

One (1) bid was received on December 19, 2013 for furnishing basin dredge unit. Mr. Becker recommended that the bid of Liquid Waste Technology, for the amount of \$166,138.00, be accepted based upon the technical review of the proposals.

(R-007-2014) – Contract 30005 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole and Point Repairs at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

Mr. Becker stated that five (5) bids were received on December 20, 2013 for performing work under Contract 30005. The low bidder, Fleming Construction, was not in compliance with the EDB Program participation goal and did not submit an affidavit of a “Good Faith Effort” as required per Section 10 (7) (a) of the contract specifications. It is therefore, recommended that the low formal bid of W.C. Drennan, Inc. for the net amount of \$4,333,769.00, be accepted based upon the technical review of the proposals.

(R-008-2014) - Contract 30006 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole and Point Repairs at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

Mr. Becker stated five (5) bids were received on December 20, 2013 for performing work under Contract 30006. The low bidder, Fleming Construction, was not in compliance with the EDB Program participation goal and did not submit an affidavit of a “Good Faith Effort” as required per Section 10 (7) (a) of the contract specifications. It is therefore, recommended that the low formal bid of Boh Bros Construction for the net amount of \$4,759,309.00, be accepted based upon the technical review of the proposals.

Upon a motion by Mr. Pilie and second by Mrs. Schornstein, the above Items 1 through 6 were approved.

Contract Renewal

(R-009-2014) – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Automotive Batteries – Req. No. YG120060

Mr. Becker recommended that the first and only renewal contract for furnishing and delivering automotive batteries be awarded to NAPA Auto Parts (Covington) for the amount of \$39,761.88.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Schornstein and second by Mr. Moody, the above contract was approved.

Contract Final Acceptance

(R-010-2014) – Contract 3738 – Hurricane Related Repairs to Sewerage Pumping Station 15

(R-011-2014) – Contract 3989 – Lower Ninth Ward Area Sewer Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation No. 8

Mr. Becker recommended contract 3738 for hurricane related repairs to sewerage pumping station 15 is ready for final acceptance and close out. This contract be awarded to Alfred Conhagen, Inc. of LA.

Also, Mr. Becker recommends contract 3989 for lower ninth ward area sewer rehabilitation, rehabilitation 8 is ready for final acceptance and close out. This contract be awarded to Fleming Construction Co., LLC.

Upon a motion by Mr. Webb and second by Mrs. Schornstein, the above contracts were approved.

Algiers Lease Proposal (R-001-2014)

Mr. Miller provided background information on the proposals to lease retail office space for a new customer service location in the Algiers neighborhood of New Orleans. It is staff recommendation to accept the lease proposal for 4021 Behrman Place, Suite M-2 as the future Customer Service location servicing the Algiers neighborhood and contract be awarded to Latter & Blum for the monthly lease amount of \$5,000.00.

Upon a motion by Mr. Pilie and second by Mrs. Schornstein, the above Algiers Lease Proposal was approved.

2014 Cash Management & Investment Policy (R-002-2014)

Mr. Miller noted that the aforementioned cash management and investment policy of 2014 has remained the same and there are no changes needed for this year. It is staff recommendation to adopt the 2014 Cash Management & Investment Policy for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Schornstein and second by Mr. Webb, the 2014 Cash Management & Investment Policy was approved.

Contract Amendments for Bond Feasibility Study (R-012-2014 & R-013-2014)

Mr. Miller provided the committee with background information regarding the Sewerage and Water Board's issuance of water, sewer revenue bonds and drainage tax bonds re: 2014 Capital Budget and 2014-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

It is staff recommendation to amend these existing contracts of Black & Veatch for engineering and operational reviews to \$197,000.00 and with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for financial planning to \$137,170.00.

Upon a motion by Mr. Pilie and second by Mrs. Schornstein the Amendment No. 1 to Existing Contract with Black & Veatch was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moody and second by Mrs. Schornstein Amendment No. 5 to Existing Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Tracking Tool for Commitments to the City Council

The report was received.

(Revised) Amendments to By-Laws

Mr. Nolan Lambert provided an update to the committee on the revised amendments to the By-Laws of the Sewerage and Water Board. He noted that the above amended By-Laws would go before the full board for adoption at its February Board meeting.

EEOC Activity Status Report

The status report was received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Raymond Manning
President Pro-Tem and Committee Chair