



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.
Repair services that specialize in water and wastewater systems. A vendor who is experienced and has the equipment and heavy equipment, if necessary, to make emergency repairs to broken water pipes that are under concrete or roads, distribution systems failures, treatment plant failures, or to fire hydrants.
2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.

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3. What is the total cost of the acquisition? If an agreement, state the total cost of the initial term and the amounts for potential renewal terms.
\$75,000 annually, \$150,000 total, for a two year agreement period.
4. Identify the unique qualities and/or capabilities of the service(s) and/or product(s) that qualify this as a Suspension of Competition acquisition.
W.M. Lyles is diversified in the areas they specialize in. They are experienced in water and wastewater utility system repairs, water and sewer main repairs, fire hydrant repair/replacement, sewer plan repairs/maintenance, water plant repairs/maintenance, asphalt pavement repairs, and earthwork and drainage repairs. W.M. Lyles has experience performing emergency repairs at our special districts. They are responsive, timely, and have access to heavy machinery to repair water leaks that are below concrete or the road. They provide quality work and have competitive prices, making this vendor a better choice because they can repair a wide range of leaks, breaks, or failures.
5. Identify from Administrative Policy #34 what circumstances constitute a Suspension of Competition.
 - ☐ In an emergency when goods or services are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, welfare, or safety, or for the protection of County property.
 - ☐ When the contract is with a federal, state, or local governmental agency.
 - ☐ When the department head, with the concurrence of the Purchasing Agent, finds that the cost of preparing and administering a competitive bidding process in a particular case will equal or exceed the estimated contract amount or \$2,500 whichever is more.
 - ☐ When a contract provides only for payment of per diem and travel expenses and there is to be no payment for services rendered.
 - ☐ When obtaining the services of expert witnesses for litigation or special counsel to assist the County.
 - ☒ When in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Supervisors or the Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Manager determines that the best interests of the County would be served by not securing competitive bids or issuing a request for proposal.
6. Explain why the unique qualities and/or capabilities described above are essential to your department.
The County of Fresno, Department of Public Works- Resources, Special Districts is the administrator for multiple special districts. We operate approximately 22 water and 11 wastewater systems. We are in need of a vendor who can perform emergency repairs when our distribution system fails, a water main breaks under concrete, fire hydrants are knocked over and leak underground, as well as replace broken water meters and their pipes/valves that are under the street. Often, if there is a failure or a leak, it is time-sensitive in nature. Finding a vendor who can bring out excavation equipment, materials and equipment to make the repair on the same day is important. Repairing a leak right away can prevent the water main from bursting, avoiding major repairs. The County needs a reliable vendor that they can go to, that will have the necessary equipment and supplies, to keep the operations of their water and wastewater systems running seamlessly for the residents or the critical facilities that they serve.
7. Provide a comprehensive explanation of the research done to verify that the recommended vendor is the only vendor with the unique qualities and/or capabilities stated above. Include a list of all other vendors contacted, what they were asked, and their responses.
Our Special Districts Field Operators have used W.M. Lyles multiple times and have found their work to be high quality and they respond quickly. They also have all of the equipment necessary to complete the jobs, including a Backhoe, Bobcats and Road Rollers. In the past Travis Construction did a lot of repairs, but they have since retired. Anderson & Ballou Inc. has done some pipe repairs on some of our wastewater plants and they do quality work, but they are more expensive. With limited available, equipped and responsive vendors that repair broken water pipes that may or may not involve excavating, as well as water and wastewater systems, W.M. Lyles would provide the County with another viable vendor that they can utilize for emergency repair and/or

complex repairs.

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Requested By:

Principal Staff Analyst

Title

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I approve this request to suspend competition for the service(s) and/or product(s) identified herein.

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