



Date: May 15, 2023

To: Wanda S. Page, City Manager
Through: Bertha T. Johnson, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works
Subject: Contract SW-91, Public Works Street Maintenance Repairs 2023

Executive Summary

On April 6, 2023, the Department of Public Works (DPW) opened bids for Contract SW-91, PW Street Maintenance Repairs 2023. This contract is for the repair of asphalt, sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveway aprons and curb ramp repairs associated with Department of Water Management (DWM) utility cuts and sidewalk repairs and residential service requests at various locations throughout the City. DPW Operating funds will be utilized for residential sidewalk, curb & gutter and curb ramp repairs. The lowest responsive bid was submitted by Browe Construction Company of Selma, North Carolina.

Motion

To authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract for SW-91, PW Street Maintenance Repairs 2023 with Browe Construction Company in the amount of \$4,729,840;

To establish a contingency fund in the amount of \$236,492; and

To authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute change orders to the contract provided that the total contract does not exceed \$4,966,332.

Background

The Department of Public Works originally advertised the project on February 15, 2023, with a bid opening on March 22, 2023. Under formal bidding statutes three bids are required to open; only one was received. The project was re-advertised and the second bid opening was conducted on April 6, 2023; one bid was received.

In FY23 funds were allocated for work associated with maintenance of the City's water and sewer systems. The DPW Maintenance Division will typically perform spot repairs on broken streets, sidewalks, curb and gutter and driveway aprons where water/sewer repairs and new service installs were performed by crews from the DWM. Restoration and repairs to these locations are typically handled by the DPW Maintenance Division staff. However, due to the significant number of requests that are being directed to the DPW maintenance division, the decision was made by DPW to utilize the services of a contractor to assist with the completion of these repairs. The DPW maintenance repairs will occur at 850 (+) different locations throughout the City.

Issues and Analysis

The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Browe Construction Company	\$4,729,840

The Department of Public Works recommends awarding Contract SW-91 to Browe Construction Company in the amount of \$4,729,840.

Alternatives

City Council could elect to not approve the contract; however, if the contract is not approved the construction schedule would be delayed and construction cost could increase due to the continued rise in construction costs.

Financial Impact

Funds for this project are available in the following departmental & CIP account(s):

Water E&I Funds – Construction:	4100P002-731000-P0AE1	\$2,114,920
Sewer E&I Funds – Construction:	4100P002-731000-P2682	\$2,114,920
DPW Operating Funds – Construction:	0L010100-720704	\$500,000
Sewer E&I Funds – Contingency:	4100P002-731900-P0AE1	<u>\$236,492</u>
		Total= \$4,966,332

Equal Business Opportunity Summary

The Underutilized Business Compliance Division has reviewed the proposal submitted by Browe Construction Company, Inc. of Selma, NC and have determined that they are in compliance with the Equal Business Opportunity Program Ordinance. The goals for this project was/were Minority 11% and Women 7%.

The firm exceeded both goals and are in compliance with the Ordinance to promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

UBE REQUIREMENTS

Browe Construction Company, Inc. will subcontract to the following certified firms:

Firm	ID	City/State	Amount	% Of Contract
Hernandez Hardscapes & Concrete	MUBE	Raleigh, NC	\$433,875	9.2%
Dee Jays Trucking	MUBE	Durham, NC	\$90,200	1.9%
Royals Contracting	WUBE	Raleigh, NC	\$345,650	7.3%

Browe Construction Company, Inc. is HUB (WUBE) certified firm

Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices

According to the contractor’s responses to the “Contractor Workforce Diversity Questionnaire,” the contractor is a “medium employer (50-100 employees)” consisting of “a mix professional/skilled and unskilled” workers. The contractor “believes” it has a diverse workforce their company demographics reflect the surrounding area demographics almost exactly and their home base is Selma, NC with population as follows: Caucasian 26%,

African American 21%, Hispanic 52%, Asian 1%. The contractor “did” list “many examples” of efforts it makes to have a more diverse workforce.

Part A – Employee Diversity Breakdown Table for Primary Location

Employment Category	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	M-----a-----l-----e-----s					F-----e-----m-----a-----l-----e-----s				
				White	Black	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	Indian or Alaskan Native	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	Indian or Alaskan Native
Project Manger	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Labor	27	27	0	7	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clerical	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Totals	35	32	3	8	12	12	0	0	1	0	1	1	0

Part B – Employee Diversity Breakdown for the Consolidated Company

Employment Category	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	M-----a-----l-----e-----s					F-----e-----m-----a-----l-----e-----s				
				White	Black	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	Indian or Alaskan Native	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	Indian or Alaskan Native
Project Manger	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Professional	10	7	3	5	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Labor	52	52	0	7	18	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clerical	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Totals	69	62	7	13	20	29	0	0	5	0	1	1	0

Attachments

Construction Contract