



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. D
11/19/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Pricing agreement awards and approvals, DP Building Systems Ltd (COKC01108), RapidBlocs Limited (COKC01109), unistruts, RapidBloc frames and hardware, estimated cost \$2,200,000, November 19, 2024 through November 18, 2025.

Purpose:

To provide materials for project MC-0749 Riversport Improvements. This equipment will be used by the Public Works Department to replace existing unistruts, RapidBloc frames and hardware to stainless steel at the Riversport Complex.

Specifications Advertised:

September 11, 2024

Bids Received:

October 9, 2024

Bids:

(COKC01108)

DP Building Systems Ltd

All items as bid.

(COKC01109)

RapidBlocs Limited

All items as bid.

Bidding Information:

Specifications were advertised in the Journal Record and posted in the electronic bidding system. Twenty potential bidders viewed the specifications with three bids submitted. Addendum No. 1 was issued to extend the bid closing and question and answer end dates. Staff recommends award to the two lowest and best bidders to ensure availability of materials and competitive pricing for this commodity. The product has variable manufacturing lead times. The awarded vendors do not sell the same items. It is in the City's best interest to award to both vendors in order to complete improvements for upcoming events.

The whitewater river block system industry is a very limited industry with few design experts and manufacturers. The City has previously installed RapidBloc structures in the Oklahoma River as part of the whitewater facilities. The current RapidBloc system and the hardware thereto, requires replacement

(galvanized steel to stainless steel). RapidBloc is a patented design. The City needs to purchase materials for MC-0749 Oklahoma City Riversports Improvement, including but not limited to, replacing existing unistruts and RapidBloc frames and hardware.

The City contracted with Alford Hall Monaghan Morris PC (AHMM) to design Oklahoma City Riversports Improvements. AHMM subcontracted with CalibreH2O, who was also the subcontractor on the original Oklahoma City Improvements design. One of the principals in CalibreH2O is also part owner in the RapidBloc patent and company. The bid specification (Solicitation 25612) requested bids for a pricing agreement (unit price contract) for Unistrut and RapidBloc replacement items.

Although the replacement items could have been determined sole source items, the bid specifications described the bid items by brand name, to ensure that the replacement items were interchangeable, but also authorized the bidding of compatible replacement items as “or equals” or “or equivalent” options (See General Instructions and Requirements for Bidders paragraphs 4 and 5, Bid Specifications – Brand Name/Examples and Substitute Offers Sections), and are presented by resolution to document transparency and accountability.

Items awarded under this agreement may also be needed for future improvements to the Oklahoma City Riversports Complex. It is recommended that contracts be awarded to RapidBlocs and DP Building Systems in accordance with their bids, respectively.

The estimated cost for these pricing agreements is based on anticipated expenditures. The City is under no obligation to purchase from these agreements. All purchases are subject to future appropriations and the availability of funds.

Estimated Cost:

\$2,200,000

Source of Funds:

Various funds and accounts

Review:

Finance Department

Recommendation: Agreements be awarded and approved.