

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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SUBJECT: BID AWARD – GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT F001643
AGRICULTURAL LIME DELIVERY

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance and Water Departments that the Board, by resolution, approve a two-year General Services Agreement (GSA) F001643, with three (3) one-year renewal options to Portola Minerals Inc., dba Blue Mountain Minerals, Columbia, California, for the supply and delivery of agricultural lime as required by the Water Department for the total amount not to exceed of \$230,000.00

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to meet Federal regulations relative to soil pH levels, the Water department uses agricultural lime, incorporated with biosolids generated from the Laguna Treatment Plant, as a soil additive. The Purchasing division solicited bids for the purchase and delivery of agricultural lime and received two responsive bids; the lowest being \$54 per ton.

BACKGROUND

On average, the City of Santa Rosa requires 2,000 tons of agricultural lime per year to comply with 40 CFR Part 503 – Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge. This regulation requires that the soil pH level to be at or above 6.5 for biosolids agricultural land applications. The higher the pH the less acidic the soil. A pH level at a minimum of 6.5 also helps absorb more nutrients beneficial to food animals and permits improved water penetration for acidic soils. Therefore in order to correct pH levels that are below this limit, there is a requirement to add agricultural lime. The agricultural lime purchased will be applied along with biosolids from the City's Compost Facility to fertilize cropland used to produce hay.

PRIOR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

Not Applicable

ANALYSIS

On February 9, 2018, Invitation for Bids (IFB) 18-13, was opened by Purchasing seeking the services of agricultural lime acquisition and delivery services to be utilized by the Water Department. The contractor shall provide all qualified labor, equipment, commodity, and transportation necessary to perform the delivery of agricultural lime to eleven designated City owned and privately held farmlands.

Of the seven prospective bidders on the City's bid list for IFB 18-13 Agricultural Lime Acquisition and Delivery Service, two companies provided bids that were deemed responsive and responsible to the bid requirements.

A tabulation of the responsive vendor(s) bid received in response to IFB 18-13 is listed below:

Proposer	Price Per Ton	Bid Amount on Estimated need
Portola Mineral Inc. dba Blue Mountain Minerals	\$54.00 per ton of Agricultural Lime Delivered	\$217,720.00
Andy Poncia dba Poncia Fertilizing	\$153 per ton of Agricultural Lime Delivered	\$306,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this expense are included in the current fiscal year and will be included in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as a normal operating expense when presented to the City Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Use of agricultural lime is part of the City's Biosolids land application project on City-owned and private lands, which has been reviewed consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to (1) Residuals Processing Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted in 1977, (2) the Santa Rosa Subregional Sludge Beneficial Use Project Program EIR certified in 1991, (3) the Management Plan for the Beneficial

Reuse of Biosolids by Land Application CEQA TM 2.2 adopted in 1993, and (4) the South County Biosolids Reuse MND adopted in 2010.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment – City of Santa Rosa General Services Agreement F001643

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