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Mayor and City Council
City of Gautier
3330 Highway 90
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RE: SCADA Communication System Expansion
Single Source Item

Mayor and Council:

Pursuant to our continuing efforts to locate and eliminate the source of infiltration and inflow into the City's sewer collection system, the Public Works Department is proposing to expand the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System by purchasing 8 additional communication units and associated hardware at a cost of \$23,316.00. These units will be placed at eight (8) lift stations around the City to enhance our ability to monitor, control and respond to the dynamic conditions of the system. By collecting and analyzing data from these units, we will be better equipped to identify problem areas in the system, allowing repairs to be performed with the biggest impact to the system.

We currently have 28 SCADA units monitoring and reporting data from twenty (20) lift stations, eight (8) water wells, and four (4) elevated storage tanks. The data is transmitted wirelessly by cellular communications to the internet, where the data is reported to the City via tables, graphs, etc.

In an effort to keep our system standardized for maintenance efficiency, and software and web site compatibility, we are proposing to purchase the same brand of equipment currently in operation. Since the brand of equipment is sold and distributed through a territorial dealership, the source of the equipment is limited to one dealer. This is considered a "Single Source" item, since a bid or quote would not produce competitive pricing. As I understand, the initial purchase of these items was competitively bid. The Mississippi Code of 1972, of which the pertinent section is included below, allows this "Single Source" item only as approved by the board of the governing body.

31-7-13(m)(viii) Single source items. *Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration.*

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We are requesting approval and certification from the Mayor and City Council that this item holds sufficient merit to receive designation as a "Single Source Item", allowing the purchase without multiple quotes or competitive bids.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Reeves, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Gautier, MS