



Item: Purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate

From: Water Treatment Plant

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Director of Public Works

Action Requested: Approval of Bid

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission accept the low bid from Kemira Water Solutions and authorize staff to purchase liquid aluminum sulfate in the amount of \$365.39 per dry ton for FY 2014/15.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission accept the low bid from Kemira Water Solutions in the amount of \$365.39 per dry ton for liquid aluminum sulfate for FY 2014/15.

Background: Liquid aluminum sulfate is used in the water treatment process to coagulate suspended particles in the raw water stream to allow their removal. Specifications and bid materials were prepared for the purchase of liquid aluminum sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant for the upcoming fiscal year. Notices were sent out to all prospective bidders and publicly advertised. The bid from Kemira Water Solutions was acceptable as submitted.

Bids were accepted on May 7, 2014, for FY 2014/15 Water Treatment Plant chemical needs. Kemira Water Solutions, with headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas provided the lowest acceptable bid for liquid aluminum sulfate at \$365.39 per dry ton. This Commission action would award a contract for FY 2014/15.

Concurrences: not applicable

Fiscal Impact: This price reflects a 4.1% decrease from the FY 2013/14 contract price. The new contract would allow for the purchase of a maximum of 800 dry tons for a total cost of \$292,312.

Alternatives: not applicable

Attachments/Exhibits: Bid Tabulation

