



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve Purchase of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) for Water Treatment Services from Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., ITB-4583 (estimated \$70,000.00/year)

Your Approval is requested to authorize the purchase of approximately 560 tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) at \$125/ton. The Water Treatment Services Unit uses CO₂ in the softening process and to reduce the cost of disinfection. The estimated total cost of this chemical is \$70,000.00 for FY20.

The City received the following bids:

Air Products and Chemicals (non-responsive)	\$117.50/ton
Praxair (non-responsive)	\$119.50/ton
Matheson Tri-Gas	\$125.00/ton
Metro Welding	\$125.00/ton

It is recommended that Council accept the bid and award a purchase order to Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, to provide the Water Treatment Service Unit with Carbon Dioxide (CO₂). The lowest two bids would not accept the terms and conditions of the City's purchase orders and were therefore considered non-responsive. Matheson Tri-Gas was chosen over Metro Welding because Metro Welding failed to acknowledge the addenda in their bid. The term changes requested were at odds with the City's risk management policies. Due to the necessity for carbon dioxide, the City also recommends authorization to purchase from another vendor if Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. is unable to provide this good in a timely manner.

It is also recommended that the purchasing agreement be extended for up to three additional one-year periods if the vendor is agreeable and if in the best interest of the City. Price increases would be available annually per the federal producer price index (PPI) at vendor's written request at time of renewal.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Water Supply System Fund.

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Approved by: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator

Whereas, The Water Treatment Services unit uses Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in its water softening process;

Whereas, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.'s bid is the lowest responsible bid for the supply of CO₂ per Bid ITB-4583;

Whereas, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. complies with the requirements of the Non-Discrimination Ordinance;

RESOLVED, That the City Council accepts Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.'s bid of \$125.00/ton of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in accordance with the terms of Bid No. ITB-4583;

RESOLVED, The City Administrator be directed to approve a purchase order with for the purchase of CO₂ in accordance with this resolution at a projected cost of \$70,000.00;

RESOLVED, The City Administrator be authorized to purchase from another vendor if Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. is unable to provide this good in a timely manner.

RESOLVED, The City Administrator be authorized to renew the purchasing agreement for up to three one-year periods provided both parties agree to an extension and subject to availability of funding and limited to the price escalation clause detailed in the ITB; and,

RESOLVED, The City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.