

RESOLUTION NO. 2665

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is desirous of obtaining quotations from private contractors for assistance in maintaining certain portions of the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the total work for the services cannot be clearly defined prior to receiving quotations; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing ordinance of the City of Albany designates the City Council as the Local Contract Review Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board may, by resolution, exempt certain contracts from competitive bidding upon making certain findings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, acting in its capacity as Contract Review Board, authorizes and directs the City Manager, or his designee, to obtain quotations from private contractors for the purpose of providing assistance to the City of Albany, Department of Public Works, in maintaining certain portions of the water distribution system and to award contracts based upon said quotations without the necessity of competitive bidding as required by Chapter 2.64 of the Albany Municipal Code.

This action is based upon the following findings:


1. It is the intent of the City of Albany to solicit quotations from all local contractors who have experience in water system maintenance. It is anticipated that there are a sufficient number of qualified local contractors who will be asked to submit quotations such that an exemption from the formal requirements of AMC 2.64 will not result in favoritism or substantially diminished competition; and

2. The water distribution system must provide potable drinking water to its customers. Work on such a system differs from ordinary public contracting in that the public health may be seriously jeopardized if the contractor performing the work fails to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness and quality control in the performance of the work. The specialized nature of the work in question is such that the public interest would not be best served by requiring the City of Albany to strictly comply with competitive bidding in that such bidding may not provide the most qualified contractor to perform the task in question; and

3. The public health requires that uninterrupted water service be maintained at all times. It is anticipated that emergency situations may arise which will require immediate remedial action which may be beyond the ability of the City to perform. In these circumstances, it will be necessary that the City be able to call quickly upon private contractors to perform the work in question. Under these circumstances, the competitive bidding requirements of AMC 2.64 would be unduly time consuming; and

4. In light of the need for highly qualified personnel, specialized equipment, and a rapid response time, the retention of a local contractor, without the requirements of competitive bidding will result in a substantial cost saving to the City of Albany.

DATED this 14th day of January, 1987.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder