

RESOLUTION NO. 4350

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND ESTABLISH A CONTRACTOR OF RECORD TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES, PROCURE HARDWARE, AND TO PROGRAM AND INSTALL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA)/AUTOMATION UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, Albany Municipal Code exempts contracts from competitive bids when there is only one seller or price of a product of the quality required available within a reasonable purchase area; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Revised Statutes waive competitive bidding on finding that:

1. It is unlikely that such exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and
2. The awarding of public contracts pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the public contracting agency; and

WHEREAS, the automation improvements and site communications equipment are necessary to provide remote control capability and increase overall system reliability, thereby improving the City's ability to meet regulatory requirements from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and

WHEREAS, the proposed contractor of record, Progressive Software Solutions, Inc. (PS/2), has designed, configured, integrated, and installed significant portions of the process control systems throughout the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, PS/2 has extensive detailed knowledge of existing wastewater process control systems and knowledge of the standards, equipment, and communication protocols for the process system upgrades; and

WHEREAS, this exemption to standard competitive bid procedures will result in cost savings to the City, because the design engineering and expertise that has been enhanced through their work on the City's existing process control systems can be directly applied to the SCADA/Automation Upgrade and Improvement Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopts the findings and waives the requirement for competitive bidding in this instance and establishes PS/2 as a Contractor of Record during FY 2000-01 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide professional services to include design services, hardware procurement, programming, and installation of equipment for the SCADA/Automation Upgrade and Improvement Projects, and emergency services for unforeseen emergency process control issues that may arise within the wastewater system.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2000.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder