

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Fiber Optic Backbone Expansion Project to Unitec, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2022-015.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The purpose of this IFB is to contract with a qualified and experienced bidder for the installation of underground fiber optics corridors in the City's smart district area.

On July 1, 2022, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued and distributed IFB 2022-015 Fiber Optic Backbone Expansion Project.

On July 8, 2022, a non-mandatory pre-bid conference was held with nine (9) prospective bidders in attendance of the forty-six (46) prospective bidders who downloaded the IFB package from Public Purchase, the City's web-based e-Procurement service.

On August 19, 2022, five (5) firms submitted bids in response to the IFB: AGC Electric, Inc., Bore Tech Utilities & Maintenance, Inc., draftPros, LLC. dba draftPros, Florida Sol System, Inc. and Unitec, Inc.

The responses were reviewed by the Procurement Division in order to determine responsiveness to the requirements of the IFB and to identify the lowest responsive responsible bidder. The procurement Division finalized its due diligence process and confirmed that Unitec, Inc., is both responsive to the requirements of the IFB and responsible bidder.

The Information Technology Department concurs with the Chief Procurement Officer's recommendation to award the Fiber Optic Backbone Expansion Project to Unitec, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$662,500.00 not to exceed the available budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution