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**CITY OF EL PASO
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR PSB MEETING

8:00 a.m. M.T.

September 13, 2023

Public Service Board Meeting Room
1154 Hawkins Blvd, El Paso, Texas 79925

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA will be considered by the Public Service Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Board or persons in the audience request specific items be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA to the REGULAR AGENDA for discussion prior to the time the Public Service Board votes on the motion to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA. The Public Service Board may reconsider an agenda item at any time prior to adjournment. Comments by a member of the public as to any regular agenda item will be allowed by the Chair prior to or during the Board's consideration of the item. Reasonable time limits may be imposed by the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER
ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 9, 2023. **(ATTACHMENT)**
2. Consider and reject the proposals received for RFP 74-23 IT Consulting Services. **(ATTACHMENT)**
3. Consider and approve the Consent to Assignment of Contract RFP79-22 Quicklime from Austin White Lime Company, Ltd. to Lhoist North America, Inc. **(ATTACHMENT)**
4. Consider and approve a resolution supporting the City of El Paso's submission of a grant application to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission for a Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the McGregor Range Booster Station project; authorize EPWater's funding commitment to allocate matching funds of \$4,500,000 for the project if grant funds are awarded; and further authorize the President/CEO to provide and sign any documents in connection with the grant application, Memorandum of Understanding with the City of El Paso for the project, grant agreement and acceptance of the funds for this project. **(ATTACHMENT)**
5. Consider and authorize the President/CEO to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the construction of water and wastewater infrastructure located within the John Hayes Street Extension Phase I project with the estimated EPWater funding contribution in the amount of \$8,602,317 and authorize the use of commercial paper. **(ATTACHMENT)**
6. Consider and approve an increase in capacity of master contract MC00000504, issued to Americhoice Construction LLC for the purchase of maintenance, repair, and operation (MRO) equipment, supplies, materials of services through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract No. 22-7434 by an additional \$800,000 to increase the existing master contract cumulative amount to \$1,300,000, and authorize the issuance of future master contracts in the amount of \$1,300,000 for the term of ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract No. 22-7434 provided that funding is available in the approved budget. **(ATTACHMENT)**

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

7. Consider and approve an increase in capacity of master contract number MC00000377 issued to A+ Metal Enterprises Inc., for MRO equipment, supplies, materials and services, through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract Number 22-7423 by an additional \$500,000 to increase the existing master contract cumulative amount to \$1,000,000 and authorize the issuance of master contracts in the annual amount of \$1,000,000 for the term of the ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative 22-7423 provided that funding is available in the approved budgets. **(ATTACHMENT)**
8. Consider and award RFP 37-23 Rate Consulting Services to Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., and authorize President/CEO or designee to enter into a Services Agreement for a comprehensive water and wastewater cost of service and rate design study analysis in the amount of \$155,400. **(ATTACHMENT)**
9. Consider and award professional engineering contracts for On-Call Professional Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Engineering Services for Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, Stormwater, and Administrative Facilities – RFQ 54-23 to Bath Group, LLC dba Bath Engineering Corporation, Carollo Engineers, Inc., Freese and Nichols, Inc., and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for each firm with a term of three years and authorize the use of commercial paper. **(ATTACHMENT)**
10. Consider and award professional services contracts for On-Call Geotechnical Services – RFQ 55-23 to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, CQC Testing and Engineering, LLC, Professional Service Industries, Inc., Terracon Consultants, Inc., and WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each firm with a term of three years and authorize the use of commercial paper. **(ATTACHMENT)**
11. Consider and approve a professional engineering services contract for the John T. Hickerson Water Reclamation Facility Medium Voltage Upgrade and Backup Power generator - Part 2 project with Freese and Nichols Inc. for additional design and construction phase services in the amount of \$1,790,624.85 and authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in the estimated amount of \$500,000 provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments. **(ATTACHMENT)**
12. Consider and approve Amendment 2 to the professional engineering services contract with Black and Veatch Corporation for the Water and Wastewater Electric Power Reliability Evaluation – Part 2 project in the amount of \$1,266,000; and authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract in an estimated amount of \$500,000 provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments. **(ATTACHMENT)**
13. Consider and approve Change Order Number 1 – Bid Number 64-22, North 1 Reservoir Roof Rehabilitation and Cielo Vista 0.1 MG Ground Storage Tank and Replacement and Elevated Tank Ladder and Safety Improvements to Smithco Construction, Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$145,048.85 and extending the contract duration by 143 days. **(ATTACHMENT)**
14. Consider and approve Change Order Number 4 – Bid Number 17-21, Phosphate Feeding Facilities at Five Booster Station Sites to Smithco Construction, Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$295,544.31 and extending the contract duration by 430 days; authorize the use of commercial paper. **(ATTACHMENT)**

REGULAR AGENDA

15. CEO Monthly Update Regarding Utility Management and/or Operations
 - EPWater's Strategic Plan
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Agreed Order
 - "Impersonation is a Crime" joint media event with El Paso County Sheriff's Office, El Paso Police Department, and the Better Business Bureau

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

16. Public Comment: The PSB will permit public comment on any item not on the agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable time limits for each speaker.
17. Consider and award RFP 27-23, Dewatering Polymer, to Polydyne, Inc., in the estimated annual amount of \$600,000 for a term of one year with the option for four, one-year extensions provided that funding is available in the approved budget. **(ATTACHMENT)**
18. Consider and approve Change Order No. 1 Bid No. 12-22 Montana East 36-Inch Water Line Extension Ph. II (Homestead, Ranchos Real Pump Station to Edgemere Boulevard) to Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$2,337,299.44; extending the contract duration by 130 days; and authorize the use of commercial paper. **(ATTACHMENT)**
19. Approve a resolution requesting City Council to authorize the issuance of \$8,680,000 of City of El Paso Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Series 2023A through the Economically Distressed Areas Program Account of the Texas Water Development Fund II to finance first-time customer wastewater connections for the residents of the Montana Vista Colonia. **(ATTACHMENT)**
20. Management Report:
 - Construction Contracts Update
 - PeopleSoft HR Phase II Project Status Report
 - ServLine Program Update
 - Video from Communications

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Service Board will retire in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.089. (The items listed below are matters of the sort to be discussed in Executive Session; however, the Public Service Board may move to Executive Session any item of this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
Section 551.074 Personnel Matters
Section 551.076 Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

- a. In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation - United States Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation - MDL NO. 2873 (551.071)

Any action as a result of these discussions will be taken at the re-opening of this meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment.

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