

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** September 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Consider award of Bid No. 20-025 to Driscoll Automatic Inc. for FC2101 City Hall Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) Battery Replacement at 4301 City Point Dr., in the amount of \$67,499.

PRESENTER: Chris Amarante, Director of Facilities & Construction

SUMMARY:

Consider award of Bid No. 20-025 to Driscoll Automatic Inc. for FC2101 City Hall Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) Battery Replacement at 4301 City Point Dr., in the amount of \$67,499.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills has critical infrastructure requiring uninterrupted power for operation of electrical equipment. This critical equipment is powered with several uninterrupted power supply (UPS) units. In the event of a loss of power from ONCOR these UPS's "bridge" the power loss with battery power until either ONCOR power is restored or generator power is supplied. UPS's are integral in the distribution of power to server rooms, dispatch, jail, and other critical electrical equipment. UPS's are comprised of complex components that require service with a specialized contractor to perform software upgrades, battery replacement, and emergency repairs in the event of a malfunction.

This project consists of replacing (144) of the battery modules at City Hall. Each of the four UPS's have a battery cabinet comprised of 36 battery modules. These battery modules are original equipment and are at the end of their service life. In addition to the replacement of these battery modules being necessary, it would also allow the city to maintain our current service agreement.

Notice of the city's intent to bid was advertised as required by state statute and posted on the city's Purchasing Department web page. Numerous contractors were contacted and requested to participate in this process. The city received two bids on July 28, 2020. The bids were not opened and the bid date was extended to August 4, 2020. The city received bids from the same two contractors:

- Driscoll Automatic
- TKC Enterprises, Inc.

The lowest bidder was Driscoll Automatic with a qualifying bid of \$67,499. Funding for this project is included in the FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget. This authorization will allow



the Facilities & Construction Department to purchase these items beginning October 1, 2020.

Driscoll Automatic Inc. has favorable history with the city providing this type of service.

RECOMMENDATION:

Award Bid No. 20-025 to Driscoll Automatic Inc. for FC2101 City Hall Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) Battery Replacement at 4301 City Point Dr., in the amount of \$67,499.