

Division of Water**Request for Legislation**

Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more requirement contracts without competitive bidding with TPG Pressure, Inc. dba Thompson Pipe Group – Pressure for concrete pipe adapters, repair saddles, and accessories, for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, for a period not to exceed two years.

Background/Purpose:

Approximately 40% of CWD's 400 miles of trunk mains is concrete pipe. This pipe is not compatible with the couplings, clamps and other fittings used to repair ductile, cast iron and steel mains that make up the rest of our water system. Concrete mains have been installed since the 1950's and the number of manufacturers of this pipe and the related material needed to make repairs is small.

There are five pressurized pipe manufacturers, with two located outside the United States. Within the US, two manufacturers, one located in New Jersey and the other in California, are not interested in sending quotes for concrete adapters and repair saddles. They only manufacture pipe in sizes 24" & larger and do not stock materials to manufacture fittings in smaller sizes. The only viable firm to provide these parts is TPG Pressure, Inc. dba Thompson Pipe Group – Pressure (formerly Forterra Pressure Pipe), who was directly awarded a two-year requirement contract that will expire November 19, 2018. The direct award requirement contract has been an essential means to ensure materials are available when emergency pipe repairs are needed.

Scope of Work/Commodities/Services:

The purchase of concrete adapters and repair saddles will enable CWD to be prepared for emergency pipe repairs when it becomes necessary to repair pressurized concrete pipes within our distribution system.

Justification/Urgency:

In the past it has been difficult to receive materials in a timely manner to meet emergency operational needs because delivery time is 8 to 10 weeks after an order is placed. A requirement contract will allow materials to be in stock so that CWD can make emergency repairs in a timely way. The ability to receive this material quickly is crucial to minimize system issues and customer interruption. Therefore, a contract is needed once legislation has been approved.

Anticipated Costs and funding source:

The funding source is CWD's operating budget. The projected two-year estimate is as follows:

<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$380,000.00

Schedule or Term of Contract:

This legislation will lead to a direct award requirement contract for a term of two years.

Current Contract:

Vendor Company Name	Vendor Address/Contact	Services/Work performed	Contract Info
TPG Pressure, Inc. dba Thompson Pipe Group – Pressure.	1003 MacArthur Blvd. Grand Prairie, TX 45050 Contact: Ken Beul (972) 262-3600	Manufacture and provide for purchase - concrete pipe adapters, repair saddles and accessories	Contract #: RCD2018-3 Awarded Amt: \$378,049.00 Costs YTD: \$31,249.14 Expiration Date: 11/09/18

CSB Participation on the Current Contract:

Goals: ____%; Actual CSB Participation: ____%

Goal was waived by OEO because it is impractical to subcontract portions of this contract.