

**BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS**

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December 19, 2024

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution UT-1527 authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract, and any necessary documents and subsequent amendments, with Stuart C. Irby Company, LLC, of Jackson, MS, for furnishing and delivering Mueller products, in an annual amount not to exceed \$650,000 for a period of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods at the discretion of the General Manager.

Executive Summary

The Long Beach Public Utilities Department (LBPUD) utilizes Mueller products in all-natural gas pipeline infrastructure. Mueller products are predominantly natural gas control fittings and equipment, which are specialized pipeline components used by Gas Operations to safely control the flow of natural gas to maintain the City's natural gas distribution system. Mueller fittings are proprietary and are designed for use with other Mueller equipment currently utilized by LBPUD. In addition, LBPUD personnel have been exclusively training to operate Mueller brand fittings and equipment. Stuart C. Irby Company, LLC (Irby) is the sole manufacture-approved vendor for distribution of Mueller products in our region.

LBPUD requests authorization to execute a contract with Irby to purchase natural gas control fittings and equipment to continue supporting Gas Construction operations.

Irby has been a reliable distributor of Mueller products. Given that LBPUD is federally regulated by the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and must comply with all regulations, material specifications, codes and standards in Code of Federal Regulations (CRF) Title 49, Transportation, Part 192, it is important to continue using products and services with a proven track record of safety, durability, and reliability.

Fiscal Impact

The cost of the initial term to the Gas Fund will be incurred in FY 25 – FY 26, with the total annual amount not to exceed \$650,000. The contract may be renewed for two additional one-year periods. These costs are included in the FY 25 budget and financial projections.

Kevin Tougas
Director of Gas Engineering

B. Anatole Falagán
General Manager

Attachments



Mueller Company Sales
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December 13, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Irby Utilities is the approved West Coast distributor for Mueller Gas products that is assigned to service the City of Long Beach Gas tooling and fittings requirements.

This letter serves to confirm that Irby Utilities is the authorized channel representative for Mueller products sold to the City of Long Beach Gas Department.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your business.

Best regards,

Chip Strazis

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RESOLUTION NO. UT-1527

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT, AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS, WITH STUART C. IRBY COMPANY, LLC, OF JACKSON, MS, FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING MUELLER PRODUCTS, IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR PERIODS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Long Beach (the "City"), Section 1802, permits the City and its Boards to purchase services, supplies, materials, equipment, and labor with other government agencies by purchasing under their contracts on a voluntary and selective basis when authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Public Utilities Department (LBPUD) utilizes Mueller products in all-natural gas pipeline infrastructure. Mueller products are predominantly natural gas control fittings and equipment, which are specialized pipeline components used by Gas Operations to safely control the flow of natural gas to maintain the City's natural gas distribution system. Mueller fittings are proprietary and are designed for use with other Mueller equipment currently utilized by LBPUD. In addition, LBPUD personnel have been exclusively training to operate Mueller brand fittings and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Stuart C. Irby Company, LLC (Irby) is the sole manufacture-approved vendor for distribution of Mueller products in our region; and

1 WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising
2 for bids and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary
3 expenditure of public funds;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the
5 City of Long Beach resolves and declares as follows:

6 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
7 herein by this reference.

8 Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute
9 a contract, and any necessary documents and subsequent amendments, with Stuart C.
10 Irby Company, LLC, of Jackson, MS, for furnishing and delivering Mueller products, in an
11 annual amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000), for a
12 period of one (1) year, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods at
13 the discretion of the General Manager.

14 Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
15 adoption by the Board, and the Secretary to the Board shall certify the vote adopting this
16 Resolution.

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I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on _____, 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	_____

Noes:	Commissioners:	_____
Absent:	Commissioners:	_____

Secretary
Board of Public Utilities Commissioners