

Council Meeting Staff Report

November 16, 2022

Agenda No.:	6.C.
Indexes (Council Goals):	* 2022 Council Goal - Investing in Infrastructure, DPU FY2020 - 1.0 Provide Safe and Reliable Utility Services
Presenters:	Jack Richardson
Legislative File:	AGR0823-22a

Title

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR23-917 with DUB-L-EE, LLC in the amount of \$500,000, plus applicable gross receipts tax, for the purpose of On-Call and Emergency Utility Repair Services

Recommended Action

I move that the Board of Public Utilities approve Services Agreement No. AGR23-917 with DUB-L-EE, LLC in the amount of \$500,000, plus applicable gross receipts tax, for the purpose of On-Call and Emergency Utility Repair Services and forward to Council for approval.

Utilities Manager Recommendation

The Utilities Manager recommends that the board approve the motion as presented.

Body

The GWS Operations Division of the DPU has been chronically short-staffed and has experienced an unprecedented level of staff turn-over during this past year. Qualified certified operators have been especially hard hit and are particularly difficult to replace, resulting in a shortage of these key personnel to cover crew stand-by 24 hours-7days a week. To shore-up the situation, DPU staff is requesting the procurement of services by DUB-L-EE, LLC, who is fully qualified to perform repairs and O&M on gas, water, and wastewater collection utilities, including steel gas pipeline, as required by law.

In the event that GWS O&M staff is not able to cover emergency situations in-house, or needs assistance with O&M repairs, a task order can be drafted for DUB-L-EE to perform a part, or all of the necessary work.

This On-Call and Emergency Repair Services Agreement is recommended for approval and acceptance by the Utility Board.

Alternatives

Reject the Services Agreement and rely solely on DPU GWS Operations staff to cover emergency situations on top of their regular O&M workload. Please keep in mind that we are heading into winter with a critical shortage of the more experienced operators and pipefitters.

Fiscal and Staff Impact

GWS budget is sufficient to cover any potential emergency task orders required to maintain the utility.

Attachments

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