

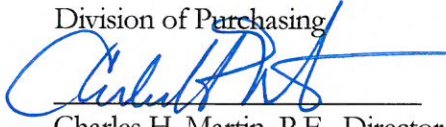


Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PUBLIC WORKS

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TO: Todd Slatin, Director
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FROM: 
Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: April 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Sole Source Recommendation for Sierra Monitor Corporation

The Division of Water Quality requests a resolution authorizing a “Sole Source” agreement between the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Sierra Monitor Corporation in the amount of \$59,291.98 without competitive bidding. The “Sole Source” request is for the purchase of Sierra Monitor Corporation stationary hazardous gas monitoring equipment (sensor, transmitters and controllers) for completion of a project that replaces/upgrades existing and obsolete(no longer technically supported) stationary hazardous gas monitoring equipment located at West Hickman Creek WWTP.

As a result of Bid# 33-2012 (Hazardous Gas Detection Systems) and subsequent Resolution #214-2012, the specified hazardous gas monitoring equipment manufactured and sold by Sierra Monitor Corporation (SMC) has become the “standard” for stationary hazardous gas detection equipment installed within the Division of Water Quality. At the time of Resolution #214-2012, Industrial Products Corporation (IPC) was the single regional distributor for SMC products. Resolution #214-2012 established a Unit Price Contract (UPC) for SMC products.

Prior to the completion of the replacement/upgrade of the hazardous gas detection system(s) at West Hickman, SMC and IPC terminated their contract and ended their manufacturer – distributor relationship. The UPC associated with Resolution #214-2012 could not be transferred to SMC because the resolution identified IPC as the vendor.

Therefore, in order to proceed with and complete the project, the Division of Water Quality is recommending a resolution designating Sole Source Certification for Sierra Monitor Corporation as it relates to stationary hazardous gas detection systems for the division. The benefit of this resolution would be two-fold:

- Allows for efficient completion of \$284,276.98 replacement/upgrade project which was suspended at 79% of completion, and
- Maintains equipment/system uniformity within the Division of Water Quality.

Attached with this request is a letter from Sierra Monitor Corporation (SMC) documenting that they are the sole source manufacturer and distributor of gas detection equipment specified for the replacement/upgrade of the hazardous gas detection system project. Additionally, SMC will be honoring the original "unit prices" as provided in Resolution #214-2012.

The project is fully budgeted and funds are located in the accounting shown below:
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Should you have any questions, please contact me at extension 2455.