

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 10, 2025

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Notification of Certain Procurements: RWL Pier Electrical project

In accordance with the Purchasing Ordinance, Section 2.1-1-10 (d) an exigent purchase may be approved by the Board of Supervisors after the fact. Notification is hereby given that staff has completed the procurement arrangements for the following County projects.

- RWL Pier Electrical project

The electricity to the T-pier for transient boaters was turned off after it was discovered that the electrical elements inside the pedestals were severely corroded, posing a significant safety hazard. Due to the unsafe condition of the pedestals and the associated risks to the public and the County, it was determined that immediate action was required to address this exigent situation.

An Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued to procure electrical parts and installation services for both the L-Pier and the T-Piers. This approach ensured that both piers would be updated simultaneously with consistent equipment. The notice of solicitation and accompanying documents were posted online on eVA and emailed to eight (8) companies. A Pre-Bid meeting and site visit were held on December 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Freight Shed in Yorktown. Unfortunately, no companies attended the meeting. Later that afternoon, Purchasing reached out to the companies that were sent the IFB solicitation to understand why they did not attend. Several of the companies indicated they were not aware of the project, and three requested the solicitation be re-sent. The documents were promptly emailed directly to these companies to ensure their awareness and potential participation.

One bid was received from Price Electrical and revealed a significant lead time for acquiring the necessary equipment. The panels for the electric have a 30-week lead time after the order has been placed. Recognizing the critical need to restore power to the piers before the start of the boating season to ensure safety for transient boaters and visitors to the Riverwalk Landing area, a temporary power solution was negotiated with Price Electrical in addition to fulfilling the original IFB requirements. This temporary solution will provide power to the piers, mitigating safety concerns until the permanent equipment is installed. Once the equipment specified in the IFB is received, Price Electrical will replace the temporary power system with the permanent solution.

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Given the urgency of the safety concerns, this procurement is being handled as an exigency to prevent or alleviate potential harm or injury, financial or otherwise, to the County.

An updated quote was requested from the Price Electrical to include the installation of temporary power. A purchase order was generated and an order was placed to initiate the project promptly. The bid submitted in response to the IFB solicitation totals \$343,347.73, with an additional cost of \$12,375.13 for the installation of temporary power, resulting in a total expenditure of \$355,722.86.

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