PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DETERMINATION

CONTRACT NO. MAP6104790
TYMCO MODEL 435 SWEEPER
AT
MARTIN STATE AIRPORT

March 1, 2021

Procurement Method:

In accordance with State Procurement Regulations COMAR 21.05.09.04, the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration (MDOT MAA) Procurement Officer has determined that it would be in the best interest of the State to procure an TYMCO Model 435 Sweeper from Sourcewell:

- Contract No. 122017-TYM – TYMCO, Inc., via Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Method

Sourcewell strives to make the governmental procurement process more efficient by establishing competitively priced contracts for goods and services. This contract is available to authorized parties, including institutions of higher education, cities and counties, other political subdivision or special districts, and nonprofit corporations. This contract has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process and compliant with state statutes.

Background:

The current 2004 Isuzu Street Sweeper is 17 years old. The sweeper is a major part of the Martin State Airport debris removal plan. This sweeper is used for sweeping runways and ramps at Martin State Airport. This sweeper has major rust, deterioration and metal fatigue. The extensive use for removing material on runways and ramps as well as outside storage has led to metal fatigue of the cab mounts, engine, transmission mounts and the frame assembly.

The replacement of this sweeper is essential to the safe and efficient operation of Martin State Airport. Failure to replace this sweeper will cause severe inefficiencies in assigning and performing work by the Grounds Maintenance staff. This sweeper has become unreliable and may subject the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration (MDOT MAA) to high maintenance and repair costs, and repair parts are not always available.

Finding of Fact:

Contract No. 122017-TYM between Sourcewell and TYMCO, Inc., is effective February 20, 2018 through February 20, 2022. The contract provides the TYMCO Model 435 Sweeper at a base price of $79,000 with necessary options of $120,290, delivery charge of $3,300, and a $2,600 contract adjustment for a total configured price of $199,990. The lead time of this equipment is 120 days after receipt of order.
Through market research MDOT MAA found an invitation for bids from the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, State of North Carolina, opened on May 8, 2020 for a TYMCO, Inc., Model 435 Sweeper with the base price of $138,450. Compared to the base price of $79,000 from the Sourcewell Contract, MDOT MAA is amassing a great savings. MDOT MAA also compared the base price in the amount of $144,250 for a TYMCO, Inc., Model 435 Sweeper, from a State of Minnesota competitively bid contract to the base price of $79,000 from the Sourcewell Contract and determined MDOT MAA is receiving the best price.

**Conclusion:**

MDOT MAA has obtained funds approval from MDOT MAA Capital Programs to acquire the TYMCO, Inc., Model 435 Sweeper requested by Martin State Airport, Ground Maintenance. Contract No. 122017-TYM – TYMCO, Inc., has been procured pursuant to COMAR 21.05.09, Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing. Utilizing this procurement method will allow MDOT MAA to realize a savings of both time and money in obtaining the specialized equipment. This action is in the best interest of the State and will promote administrative efficiencies and intergovernmental cooperation.

It is not intended as a means to evade the purposes set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03 or State Finance and Procurement, Section 13-110.

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