

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board

From: Kim Bona, Program Manager

CC: Matthew Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: November 15, 2023

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Four ezIQC Regional Contractor Awards - Road and Bridge Construction

Background:

CRCOG advertised and bid four ezIQC contracts for on-call road and bridge construction work. There was one contract bid for each of four regions coinciding with the DOT districts: 1, 2, 3, and 4. There were 3-4 bidders for each contract.

Based on the bidders' responses and CRCOG's preference for as many contractors as possible, Gordian is recommending the following approach in what they feel is in the best interest of CRCOG's members.

Upon thorough review, Laviero's bid has been deemed incomplete due to multiple deficiencies. These include the failure to issue individual bid forms for each region, non-acknowledgment of the addendum, incomplete line items, insufficient details in the work history and active projects section, and absence of the required transit certification signature section.

Both Hemlock and BMP have held multiple contracts with CRCOG in the ezIQC program, demonstrating commendable performance and acquiring new clients based on their strong reputation over the past few years. Yield Industries, although a newcomer to the program, exhibits competitive award criteria and appears to be a credible and stable contractor.

It is Gordian's recommendation to award two contracts (Regions 1 and 2) to Hemlock, one contract (Region 3) to BMP, and one contract (Region 4) to Yield Industries. Hemlock has proven its ability to manage multiple regions, particularly considering their consistent performance and track record, especially when offered the majority of the work from Suchocki's region the past.

All contractors will be granted a one-year contract, subject to renewal for an additional two years, contingent upon their ability to maintain their region at an acceptable level of responsiveness and demonstrate progress in project execution. In October, which marks

the customary start of the bidding cycle for January 1 awards, CRCOG will have the opportunity to re-evaluate any underperforming regions for potential rebidding with one-year contracts with the option for a one-year renewal. At the conclusion of the contract term, all four contracts will be synchronized to expire on 12/31/2026. Gordian is confident that, based on Hemlock's past performance, they will effectively manage the two northeastern regions for the entire three-year duration of this contract. As always, should any contractor display signs of falling behind within the initial year, we will expedite the bidding cycle and engage new contractors as needed.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:

Utilization of the ezIQC program saves member towns time and promotes efficiency as CRCOG and Gordian Group competitively bids a contractor for construction work up front, allowing towns the ability to forgo soliciting for these services on their own. In addition, the ezIQC program allows towns to perform multiple projects under one contract.

Hemlock Construction and BMP Construction are both established and previous ezIQC contractors who have consistently demonstrated success. Their active engagement has contributed to fostering numerous relationships and referrals within the program, bolstering their favorable reputation.

Yield Industries, a new bidder in the program, is anticipated to be a valuable addition for CRCOG's clientele. Situated in Torrington within Region 4, their local presence positions them favorably, with pre-existing connections with several municipalities in the area. Yield Industries secured the second-lowest bid in this region, following BMP, who is already slated to be awarded a region within the program. This allocation allows Yield Industries the opportunity to focus on a single region, enhancing their prospects for success.

Financial/Operational Impact:

Pricing is based on a Construction Task Catalog (CTC) and is competitively bid upfront.

Project Schedule:

If approved, the ezIQC program will continue with these awarded contractors effective January 1, 2024.

Recommendation: Move to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Contract Awards for Road and Bridge Construction for one year, with optional two-year extensions, as follows: Region 1: Hemlock Construction; Region 2: Hemlock Construction; Region 3: BMP Construction; and Region 4: Yield Construction.

Attachments:

- Resolution Authorizing Four ezIQC Regional Contractor Awards - Road and Bridge Construction

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOUR EZIQC REGIONAL CONTRACTOR
AWARDS – Road and Bridge Construction**

WHEREAS, CRCOG has been providing an Indefinite Quantity Construction Services Program (ezIQC) for its members since 2009 in partnership with The Gordian Group; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG’s current contract with The Gordian Group runs through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the four (4) current regional service contracts are slated to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation COST Sub-Committee acted to approve developing an ezIQC program for Transportation Services, known as the Road and Bridge Construction ezIQC program, on June 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Gordian Group and CRCOG staff performed a competitive bidding process and have four recommended contractors to serve the program for the next year, with optional two year extensions: Region 1: Hemlock Construction; Region 2: Hemlock Construction; Region 3: BMP Construction; and Region 4: Yield Construction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CRCOG’s Executive Director is authorized to negotiate, execute and amend, as necessary, contractual instruments for the purpose of providing on-call construction services under the agency’s ezIQC program with up to three preferred contractors (Hemlock Construction; BMP Construction, Yield Construction).

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on November 15, 2023

Jason Bowsza, Secretary

Date