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To: Board of Commissioners
From: Brian Mital, Associate Director of Operations
Date: February 22, 2024
Re: Lean-To Construction Project

Background

Maintenance personnel have a need for sheltered fleet parking space to protect the District's roll-off fleet investment and prolong fleet life. There are currently only two bays at the CSWD Maintenance Facility, and we have three roll-off trucks. Staff is recommending constructing a Lean-To sheltered space to help protect the third roll-off truck and additional ancillary equipment. This new space will also offer ease of maintenance for multiple vehicles and storage of our equipment trailer.

Protecting the District's investment in our roll-off fleet is critical. Each truck has a minimum value of \$200,000. The critical value of the lean-to is to prevent precipitation from accumulating on and infiltrating key areas of the vehicle. When roll-off trucks are left fully exposed to the elements, brakes and brake shoes will freeze and need to be heated or 'hammered' prior to use. The roll-off bed will also freeze over causing possible container slippage or sliding and moisture can get in between the double frame leading to warping. Hoses will also be damaged along with early formation of rust.

After considering structure alternatives, a lean-to was programmed into the FY23 capital budget. On January 10, 2024, CSWD issued RFB No. 20240110 – Williston Drop-Off Center Maintenance Building Lean-To for construction of a structurally independent 20'x50' lean-to addition to the maintenance building in Williston.

Bidding period and results

Staff contacted 11 bidders directly and posted the RFB on the Vermont Business Registry. Three potential bidders attended a pre-bid meeting. One bid was received by bid close on January 26, 2024, by Laurie's Certified Construction located in Colchester. This bidder has shown particular interest in the contract, providing drawings and asking questions as to preferences of CSWD to provide the proposed bid. Staff reached out to the other two pre-bid attendees to inquire as to why they declined to submit a bid. One firm expressed surprise that a bid hadn't been submitted as they had intended to do so, and the other firm indicated that they weren't sure they'd be able to properly staff the project.

The sole bid came in above the initial capital budget of \$65,000. Staff negotiated with the bidder and reduced the bid by \$6,900, for a final contract price of \$76,135.00. We have budgeted the overage in the FY25 capital budget. Staff is recommending awarding this work to Laurie's Certified Construction.

Be it resolved that the Executive Board of Commissioners for the Chittenden Solid Waste District authorizes the Executive Director to enter a Contract with Laurie's Certified Construction of Colchester, VT to construct a Lean-To at the District Maintenance building for a total project cost of \$76,135.00.