EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY

ECUA GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. GR21-25

A GENERAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF NEW VALVE INSERTION EQUIPMENT FROM CONSOLIDATED PIPE SUPPLY COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $67,105.68 FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

WHEREAS, the Regional Services department must periodically use specialized equipment to install valves into active water or sewer mains in critical situations, without shutting down the normal operation and flow of water in the system connected to the main; and

WHEREAS, the equipment currently in use, manufactured by Romac Industries, Inc., (Romac), is now more than 25 years old. This equipment has been reliable and durable, but is nearing the end of its useful life and must be replaced prior to failure. The existing equipment will be used as back-up to the new equipment, or for spare parts as needed. The valve insertion equipment from Romac is only interchangeable with Romac equipment; and

WHEREAS, Regional Services has used Romac equipment for 25 years and has mastered the process of making a valve insertion with this particular equipment. These years of experience with this equipment have given the staff a high level of confidence in this equipment's solid construction and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (hereinafter "ECUA") solicited a quote for new Romac valve insertion equipment that is compatible with the equipment currently utilized by ECUA, and the personnel has institutional knowledge of how to operate the Romac equipment; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., is the sole-source provider for Romac equipment and parts in the state of Florida under Section 13-3(b) of the ECUA Code; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., provided a quote for this equipment in the amount of $67,105.68; and

WHEREAS, the valve insertion equipment from Romac is approved for use in the ECUA Engineering Manual; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., provides excellent local support, has knowledgeable staff and parts available to make valve insertions on all sizes of pipe, and 24-hour support if needed; and

WHEREAS, the quote meets ECUA purchasing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved funds for the purchase of this new equipment as part of the budget for the 2021 fiscal year at its meeting on August 25, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority:

SECTION 1. ECUA hereby directs and authorizes the Executive Director to approve the purchase of the valve insertion equipment manufactured by Romac Industries, Inc., from the sole-source vendor, Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., in accordance with Section 13-3(b) of the ECUA Code, in the amount of $67,105.68; and

SECTION 2. This General Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Approved as to form:

ECUA General Counsel

Adopted on:

ATTEST:

Amanda Miller, Administrative Coordinator

Lois Benson, Board Chairman

Date:	April 20, 2021
Account Number:	401-2011-564101
Amount:	$67,105.68
Type of Resolution:	General Resolution

EXPLANATION TO ECUA BOARD

Originating Department: Regional Services

PURPOSE: ECUA owns and operates equipment used to install valves in water or sewer mains, without having to disrupt operation and the flow of water in the rest of the system connected to these mains. This process is normally used when the shutdown of a water main would disrupt service to an excessive number of customers or when the cost to handle and transport wastewater, while a force main is shut down, would exceed the cost of the valve insertion.

Regional Services has used valve insertion equipment manufactured by Romac Industries, Inc., (Romac) for the last 25 years with an excellent record of performance. This critical equipment is nearing the end of its useful life. The personnel who perform valve insertions have extensive experience with the equipment manufactured by Romac and the new equipment would be compatible with the old equipment, so it could be used as a back-up system or for spare parts as needed. Regional Services requested a quote to purchase new valve insertion equipment that is compatible with the equipment utilized by ECUA.

REMARKS: Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., is the sole-source for products from Romac Industries in the state of Florida. Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., provides excellent local support for this equipment. They provide free training, have a knowledgeable staff, stock the parts necessary to make valve insertions on any size of pipe in emergencies, and have staff available to respond 24 hours a day in case of an emergency. The quote submitted by Consolidated Pipe Supply Company, Inc., meets ECUA purchasing requirements. We respectfully request your approval to purchase the valve insertion equipment for the amount of $67,105.68. Funds were approved by the Board at its

August 25, 2020, meeting as part of the operating budget for the Regional Services department.

Submitted by:

Brian Reid, P.E.
Director of Regional Services

Reviewed by:

J. Bruce Woody, P.E., M.P.A.
Executive Director