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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Assistant Director *EaK*
DATE: March 8, 2022
RE: BID #22-06 Dockside Repair and Maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry

Requested Action

Per WCC 3.08.100, Public Works requests the Council approval to award Bid #22-06, and authorize the County Executive to enter into a subsequent contract between Whatcom County and Lake Union Drydock Company, for the annual dockside repair and maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry, in the amount of \$462,515.00.

Background and Purpose

Mandated repairs were cited by the US Coast Guard at the end of the fall 2021 dry dock period. Completing this work when it was first cited would have likely caused a significant delay in the vessel's return to service. Completing this work in the spring ensures proper planning and materials acquisition. The US Coast Guard is requiring this work be completed by June 1, 2022.

Bids were duly advertised and submitted for the annual dockside repair and maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry. This work is contracted out annually by the Public Works Equipment Services Division. Three shipyards (Pacific Fishermen's Shipyard, Lake Union Drydock Co., and Nichols Brothers Boat Builders) attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting held onboard the Whatcom Chief ferry Wednesday, February 9, 2022. One bid response was received Tuesday, March 1, 2022. This year's dockside repair and maintenance is anticipated to take approximately 16 days, from Thursday May 6, 2022, through Saturday, May 21, 2022. Listed below is the bid tabulation for the one responsive and responsible bid received.

The Engineer's Estimates was \$405,365. However, the Engineer's Estimate did not include the several changes that arose from the pre-bid meeting questions and subsequent addendum that went out to the bidders who attended the pre-bid meeting. Additionally, the Engineer's Estimate grossly underestimated the cost and scope of the hatch cover replacement.

VENDOR	TOTAL
Lake Union Drydock Company	\$462,515.00

Funding Amount and Source

Adequate funds exist within the 2022 ER&R fund budget for repairs and maintenance as approved during the 2022 budget process.

Please contact Elizabeth Kosa at extension 6282, if you have any questions.

In accordance with WCC 3.08.030, I concur with this recommendation.

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