



Jon Hutchings
Director

Eric L. Schlehuber, Division Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive & Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director

From: Eric L. Schlehuber, PW Equipment Services Manager

Date: June 25, 2020

Re: Bid #20-22, Drydocking, Repair & Maintenance of the Whatcom Chief (2020)

- **Requested Action**

Approval requested to award the bid and subsequent contract for the 2020 Annual Drydocking, Repair and Maintenance of the Whatcom Chief to the lowest responsive bidder, Foss Maritime in Seattle, Washington in the total amount of \$436,161.00 for Alternate Bid #1 – Dockside @ Shipyard.

As a means to reduce drydocking costs for 2020 due to COVID-19 impacts, Whatcom County requested and received United States Coast Guard (USCG) approval on 6/22/2020 to extend the 2020 drydock exam and the #1 fuel tank 835 repair to 9/30/2021. This results in a cost savings and deferral in 2020 from not drydocking the Whatcom Chief (pulling the boat from the water) of approximately \$232,729. These deferred scopes of work will be accomplished during the 2021 annual drydocking.

- **Background and Purpose**

Bids were duly advertised and submitted for the annual drydocking, repair and maintenance of the Whatcom Chief Ferry. This work is contracted out annually by the Public Works Equipment Services Division. Four shipyards (Foss Maritime Co., Lake Union Drydock Co., Dakota Creek Industries, and Vigor Marine, LLC.) attended the mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting held onboard the Whatcom Chief ferry Thursday, May 21, 2020. Two bid responses were received Tuesday, June 23, 2020. This year's drydock is anticipated to take up to nineteen days, from Saturday, September 12, 2020 through Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Listed below is the bid tabulation for the two responsive and responsible bids received. The Engineer's Estimates were respectively, for a full drydock of \$671,606 and for Alternate #1 was \$415,965, with a return to service anticipated to be Saturday, October 3, 2020.

DRYDOCKING, REPAIRS, & MAINTENANCE OF THE WHATCOM CHIEF (2020)

VENDOR	BID TOTAL (Full Drydock)	ALTERNATE #1 BID TOTAL (Dockside @ Shipyard)
Foss Maritime Co	\$ 668,890.00	\$ 436,161.00
Lake Union Drydock Company	\$ 762,863.00	\$ 508,807.00

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Adequate funds exist within the 2019-2020 ER&R fund budget for repairs and maintenance as approved during the 2019-2020 budget process. I am requesting Executive and the Whatcom County Council approval to award this bid and subsequent contract to Foss Maritime (Seattle, Washington) for a total of \$436,161.00.

- **Recommended Action**

Please approve this purchase and forward to the Executive and the Whatcom County Council for approval at the July 21, 2020 Whatcom County Council Meeting. Please contact Eric L. Schlehuber at extension 6405 if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Brad Bennett for
Brad Bennett, AS Finance Manager

07/08/2020
Date