

REPORT FROM EVALUATION COMMITTEE
REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LIQUID NATURAL GAS (LNG) MAINTENANCE
RFP NO. 12401803

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BACKGROUND:

The General Services Department, Fleet Management Division solicited proposals from qualified vendors to maintain and repair the Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Fueling Station located at 2101 G Street Fresno Ca 93706. The LNG Fueling Station consists of four (4) tanks, three (3) compressors, three (3) dispensers and other related components. This request is for a two (2) year contract with four (4) possible one-year extensions. At the conclusion of the RFP opening, two vendors submitted proposals as follows:

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| 1. Chart International Inc. | \$54,760 (\$27,380 per year) |
| 2. Clean Energy | \$62,475 (\$31,237.50 per year) |

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

RFP Release: January 29, 2024

Opening: March 5, 2024

Committee Evaluation: April 16, 2024

EVALUATION COMMITTEE:

CHART INTERNATIONAL INC

During the Committee Meeting, members discussed Chart International Inc's (Chart) proposal. Chart's proposal cost for the initial two-year term is \$54,760 for quarterly maintenance. Members reviewed their ability as a company to provide services based on the scope of work and their experiences. Chart had no exceptions to the RFP. They will provide the Fleet Management Division with a 24-hour number for emergencies. In addition to their onsite visits, they offer remote monitoring of the LNG Station. Chart is based out of New Prague, Minnesota and has technicians available in two offices in California for emergency and non-emergency visits within a two to four-hour window. They have inventory available in Los Angeles and will store common repair and maintenance items onsite. Chart has been in business for 25 years. One of the long-term business partnerships they have is with the City of Los Angeles where they provide CNG and LNG Maintenance. They've also worked with Florida East Coast Railway and Shell for over six years.

CLEAN ENERGY

Committee Members discussed Clean Energy's proposal. Clean Energy's cost proposal was the highest of the two vendors at \$62,475 for quarterly maintenance during the initial two-year term. Clean Energy took an exception to the RFP and proposed an amendment to the response times. For non-emergency calls, they would like up to a 24-hour response time from the original 4 hours. For emergency calls, they would like up to a six-hour response time from the original 2 hours. Clean Energy will provide the City with a 24-hour emergency contact number. They have a warehouse in Carson, California, where they store parts for LNG and CNG. Clean Energy has been in business for 28 years. They have built customer relationships with City of Redlands, City of Sacramento, and County of Sacramento providing LNG maintenance and recertification of PRV's.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The Committee unanimously agreed that Chart International Inc would be the best value and fit for the City's needs. Therefore, recommends Council award Chart International Inc a two (2) year contract for \$27,380 per year with a contingency amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 per year, for purposes of repairs to the LNG Fueling Station equipment with four (4) possible one (1) year extensions at the City's discretion based upon performance and adherence to contract requirements.