

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title: Eastside Primary Sludge Pumps  
6 -Inch Penn Valley Double Disc Pump**

**From:** Terry Houk – Public Services Director  
Derrick Boone – Asst. Director Public Services  
Dawn Molnar- Eastside WWTP Superintendent

**Meeting Date:** August 3, 2020

**Public Hearing:** No

**Advertising Date:** N/A  
**Advertised By:** N/A

**Attachments:** Attachment A – Quote  
Attachment B- Sole Source Letter

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### **PURPOSE:**

For the sole source purchase of an additional 6-inch Penn Valley Double Disc Pump for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Eastside WWTP originally had five Peristaltic Primary Sludge Pumps (PSPs). The peristaltic pumps have been costly to maintain and can no longer handle the increased solids loading coming into the plant. The Eastside WWTP researched various types of pumps for handling high solids concentrations and determined that the double disc pump would be most beneficial in pumping the sludge from the primary clarifiers. The double disc pump design requires minimal maintenance, is less expensive to maintain, and can pump greater than 5% solids. City Council approved the purchase of two 6-inch Penn Valley Double Disc Pump during FY 2019/2020. The Public Services Department has budgeted for an additional double disc pump for FY 2020/2021 with the plan to replace the remaining peristaltic pumps over the next couple of years.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Funds for this project are available in the FY 2020-2021 budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

City Council is requested to approve a sole source purchase of \$32,790.00 to Penn Valley Pump, Co Inc.



Existing Primary Sludge Peristaltic Pumps



6" Penn Valley Double Disc Pump that was recently installed in the Primary Clarifier Building





Requisition # 26784

**CITY OF HIGH POINT**  
**SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FORM**  
(For Items Costing \$10,000.00 or More)  
Statutory Reference N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)6

Vendor: Penn Valley Pump (PVP)

Item(s): One- 6" Model 6DDSX107CNU-MK1 PVP Double Disc Pumps

**Justification:**

Penn Valley is only manufacturer of the Double Disc Pump - See attached letter from PVP

Estimated expenditure for the above item(s): \$32,790.00

Accounting Unit and Account(s): 533101

CHECK ALL ENTRIES BELOW THAT APPLY TO THE PROPOSED PURCHASE.  
ATTACH A MEMO CONTAINING JUSTIFICATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION.

1. ☒ Performance or price competition for a product are not available.
2. ☒ A needed product is available from only one source of supply.
3. ☒ Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
4. ☐ The parts/equipment are required from this source to permit standardization.
5. ☐ None of the above applies. A detailed explanation and justification for this sole source request is contained in attached memo and support documentation.

The undersigned requests that competitive procurement be waived and that the vendor identified as the supplier of the material or service described in this sole source justification be authorized as a sole source for the material or service.

Department Head/Authorized Personnel **Terry Houk** Digitally signed by Terry Houk  
Date: 2020.07.22 13:32:25 -04'00'

Department/Division **621752** Date **7/22/2020**

APPROVAL PROCESS

Purchasing Manager **Erik S. Conti** Digitally signed by Erik S. Conti  
Date: 2020.07.22 13:49:21 -04'00'

Financial Services Director **Bobby Fitzjohn** Digitally signed by Bobby Fitzjohn  
Date: 2020.07.23 20:42:16 -04'00'

City Council (\$30,000 – Up)



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<b>To: Dawn Molnar - Plant Supt</b> <b>City of High Point</b> <b>5898 Riverdale Drive</b> <b>Jamestown, NC 27282</b>	<b>Date: 07/13/2020</b>	<b>Quote No: 20126</b>
	<b>Project: Eastside WWTP</b>	
	<b>Quoted by: Preston Campbell</b>	

Qty	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
	<b>Application: Primary Sludge Transfer, up to 5% solids</b>		
	<b>Duty: 225GPM @ 50ft TDH</b>		
	<b>Suction: Flooded suction from primary clarifiers</b>		
	<i><b>This Pump is Quoted for Location No. 5</b></i>		
1	6" Model 6DDSX107CNU-MK1 Penn Valley Double Disc Pump™ unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6" ASA/ANSI 150# flanged suction and discharge connections</li><li>• Cast iron housing and neoprene elastomers</li><li>• Maintain-in-place hinged housing design for ease of maintenance</li><li>• Two-piece swan neck design with full port rigid clack valve</li><li>• 10HP, 1160RPM 230-460/3/60 Severe duty, inverter ready motor</li><li>• 225RPM Max pump speed achieved with V-belt and pulley drive</li><li>• Suction pulsation dampener with custom flange angle</li><li>• Discharge pulsation dampener on a 90 degree elbow</li><li>• 304SS Welded base with OSHA approved guards and covers</li><li>• Pump and dampeners coated with industrial primer and topcoat</li><li>• Per drawing PVD769 Side motor mount</li></ul>	\$25,900.00	\$25,900.00
1	Custom direct entry suction connection and 6" flanged spool section to match existing piping centerline height.	\$550.00	\$550.00
1	Discharge piping connections to allow pump to attach to existing discharge piping complete with gaskets and mounting hardware. Connections include: two (2) custom 4" 90-degree elbows, two (2) 4" flanged spool section of different lengths. (Final dimensions will need to be taken once pump is set and connected to suction piping)	\$961.00	\$961.00
1	Model PVP420VSM Suction vacuum switch assembly consisting of: 1" NPT SS316 sensor with EPDM sleeve, NEMA 4X adjustable switch w/ <u>manual reset</u> , set at 10"Hg and 4" (30"Hg - 30psi) SS gauge. Mounts to top of dampener to provide indication of high vacuum condition. (Must be wired back to controls shut pump down upon high pressure)	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
1	Model PVP420PSM Discharge pressure switch assembly consisting of: 1" NPT SS316 sensor with EPDM sleeve, NEMA 4X adjustable switch w/ <u>manual reset</u> , set at 30psi and 4" (0-100psi) SS gauge. Mounts to top of dampener to provide protection against over pressurization. (Must be wired back to controls shut pump down upon high pressure)	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
1	GA Ludlow 4" flanged check valves, spring assisted, cast iron body	\$1,254.00	\$1,254.00
1	Days of start-up and training services (one-trip)	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
1	Estimated transport to site. Estimated weight of shipment is 3,200 lbs.	\$625.00	\$625.00
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$32,790.00</b>



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**Commercial Information:**

1. Shipment is 6 – 8 weeks after receipt of purchase order or approved submittals.
2. Submittals, if required, are 2 – 3 weeks after receipt of purchase order.
3. Freight terms are F.O.B. Factory, Warrington, PA with freight allowed to jobsite.
4. Terms are Net 30 days after receipt of invoice.
5. Quotation is valid for 120 days from date of issue.
6. Warranty is two (2) years from date of shipment for manufacturer's defects in materials and workmanship.

**The following items have not been included:**

- Installation
- Foundations, anchor bolts, grouting and foundation design
- Motor starters, Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) or Controls



## Design Notes

- **Suction Piping Design:** It is imperative that the application has a properly designed suction piping system based on the hydraulic conditions. The importance of a properly sized system cannot be over emphasized. Most pump operational problems and pump failures are created by improper suction line conditions. The length and diameter of the suction line along with the static suction conditions must be provided to ensure pump(s) are properly sized. The system must be designed for the maximum flow if multiple pumps will operate simultaneously through common suction piping. PVP will run the appropriate calculations and verify the application.
- **Piping:** All piping should be independently supported near the pump so that pipe strain will not be transmitted to the pump. The use of pipe hangers/supports must rigidly support and laterally brace the piping to prevent pipe movement. Adequate support and bracing close the pump is the best method to prevent pipe movement. We do **NOT** recommend the use of flexible connections/expansion joints on the suction and discharge connections of the pump. Our long-term experience has found these items do not reduce vibration, but rather can allow pipe movement since the connections are not rigid. To maximize the pump's "Maintain-in-Place" design the suction flange should be attached rigidly to the suction piping. The use of slip joints and mechanical pipe joining systems (i.e. Victaulic style) is also highly discouraged. These mechanical systems do not provide the same rigid connections as traditional flanged piping systems. These mechanical systems can be difficult to properly brace leading to pipe vibration issues. If mechanical piping joining systems will be used, the engineer, contractor or owner must ensure the manufacturer's installation method for rigid pipe cutting and coupling connections is strictly adhered to.
- **Check Valves:** The use of check valves is required when there are multiple double disc pumps connected to a common discharge line or the pump will be installed on a common discharge line with other styles of pumps. If a check valve is required for the application, we recommend an elastomer "swing-flex" style. The use of spring or weighted styles should be avoided as they can create vibration, create noise and can begin to leak at the shaft protrusion through the housing over time.
- **Low or No Discharge Head:** Very low or no discharge pressure applications (negative head, downhill flow) may require the introduction of artificial head to ensure proper pump operation and prevent siphoning. The creation of artificial head can be achieved by: 1) elevating discharge piping above suction source high liquid level elevation and installing anti-siphon valve, 2) installing a back-pressure valve as provided by PVP or 3) installing mechanically/pneumatically actuated pinch valves. PVP will verify the requirement for these devices based upon a review of the hydraulic conditions at time of quotation generation.
- **Motors:** Our standard motor is a Toshiba EQP Severe Duty NEMA Premium efficiency. This motor is inverter rated and exceeds NEMA MG31 Part 31 and suitable for 20:1 constant torque turndown range. Motor is suitable for CI 1, Div 2 GRP A, B, C, D/Zone. Other motors and accessories are available such as: thermal overload, space heaters and motor shaft grounding rings.
- **Controls:** The double disc pump can be operated by a motor starter for constant speed applications or a variable frequency drive (VFD) for variable speed applications. If using a motor starter, we recommend a soft-start feature to allow the pump speed to ramp up to maximum operating speed to minimize start-up pressure spikes. This feature is especially important on long suction and/or discharge lines. If using a VFD (recommended option) the unit must be sized as heavy duty for constant torque applications. This may mean the horsepower of the VFD has to be one size larger than the motor size. A drive that is undersized may experience DC bus issues requiring the addition of dynamic braking resistors.
- **Vacuum and Pressure Switch/Gauge:** You will normally find these items are included in our quotation. The vacuum switch provides indication of a potential clogging issue that can be flushed or cleaned before it is too hard to remove. The discharge pressure switch is required (all positive displacement pumps require one) to prevent pump damage due to over pressurization if the pump is operated against a high pressure line, closed valve or clogged line.



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April 23, 2020

Dawn Molnar  
City of High Point  
P.O. Box 230  
High Point, NC 27261

Subject: Sole Source Letter

Dear Ms. Molnar.

We confirm that Penn Valley Pump Co. Inc., located at 998 Easton Road, Warrington, PA is the sole manufacturer for the patented Double Disc Pump technology. The pump is a reciprocating positive displacement pump design based on a non-captive, free-disc technology.

We are the only source provider for new equipment, factory authorized spare parts and repairs for such equipment.

The product is manufactured at our facility in Warrington, PA and all spare parts are kept on the shelf for immediate shipment.

We appreciate your consideration of the above. Please feel free to contact me should there be any questions or additional information be required.

Sincerely,  
PENN VALLEY PUMP CO., INC.

Preston Campbell  
Vice President – Sales

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