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(ITEM) From the Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to execute non-professional services contracts with Taher, Inc., in the amount of \$1,245,000 for a three-year contract effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017, with an option of two additional one-year terms to manage Zone One; and with D & S Food Services, Inc., in the amount of \$1,347,500 for a three-year contract effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017, with an option of two additional one-year terms to manage Zone Two of Milwaukee County’s Senior Meals Program to include congregate meals and home delivered meals serving eligible seniors age 60 or older, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Director, Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDA), is requesting authorization to enter into a non-professional services contract with Taher, Inc., to provide food services beginning January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Director, MCDA, is requesting authorization to enter into a non-professional services contract with D & S Food Services, Inc., to provide food services beginning January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, MCDA, in cooperation with Department of Administrative Services – Procurement Division, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 16, 2014, with a submission date of August 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the RFP divided the congregate meal sites and home delivered meals dispatch sites into two zones (Zone One and Zone Two), with bidders invited to submit proposals for one or both zones; and

WHEREAS, four bidders submitted proposals, and the review panel, consisting of representatives from MCDA, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc., Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc., and a consumer, reviewed and scored each proposal; and

WHEREAS, one bidder was eliminated based on low technical scores and no experience in providing congregate or home delivered meals; and

WHEREAS, the review panel interviewed the three remaining bidders on September 17, 2014, toured their kitchens, and tasted test meals requested by the panel; and

WHEREAS, after all reviews were completed and scores tallied, Taher, Inc., was selected as the vendor for Zone One and D & S Food Service, Inc., was selected as the vendor for Zone Two; and

WHEREAS, Taher, Inc., is headquartered in Minnetonka, Minnesota, and employs approximately 1,000 workers in Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, Taher, Inc., has experience in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area as a current partner with Waukesha County's and Ozaukee County's senior meals catering programs; and

WHEREAS, Taher, Inc., recently purchased a 10,000-square-foot United States Department of Agriculture-designed production facility in Milwaukee where food for this contract will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a three-year contract, with an option of two additional one-year contracts, to manage Zone One be awarded to Taher, Inc., beginning January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, D & S Food Services, Inc., is headquartered in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, and employs approximately 225 workers at that location where food for this contract will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, D & S Food Services, Inc., is a current partner of Milwaukee County's Senior Meals Program; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a three-year contract, with an option of two additional one-year contracts, to manage Zone Two be awarded to D & S Food Services, Inc., beginning January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the total 2015 contract amount for Zone One, including labor, food, and supplies, will be \$1,245,000, and the total 2015 contract amount for Zone Two, including labor, food, and supplies, will be \$1,347,500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of December 10, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 6-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of December 11, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department on Aging, is hereby authorized to enter into a three-year non-professional services contract with Taher, Inc., for the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017, to provide Senior Meals Program food services in the amount of \$1,245,000 for 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Department on Aging, is hereby authorized to enter into a three-year non-professional services contract with D & S Food Services, Inc., for the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017, to provide Senior Meals Program food services in the amount of \$1,347,500 for 2015.

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