



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 18, 2020

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael W. Wymer, Senior Production Engineer *MW*

Subject: Furnishing and Delivery of Caustic Soda (50% Solution of Sodium Hydroxide)
Membrane Grade to the Erie County Water Authority for Use in the Treatment of
Water, November 1, 2018 Through October 31, 2020
ECWA Project No. 201800140

The Erie County Water Authority utilizes caustic soda (50% solution of sodium hydroxide) to increase the pH of the water produced at the Sturgeon Point and Van de Water Treatment Plants. The use of caustic soda is a critical component of the corrosion control program for the entire distribution system.

The above referenced contract to furnish and deliver caustic soda will expire on October 31, 2020. The Authority and the Supplier, JCI Jones Chemical, Inc., agree that a one-year extension of the current contract at the same terms and conditions would be mutually beneficial for both parties.

The Contractor expressed interest in extending the current contract in the attached letter dated July 21, 2020.

This unit price contract was initially bid for two years with the provision for a one-year extension. JCI Jones Chemical has proven to be a highly capable and reliable vendor, which has been, and continues to be especially valuable throughout the Covid-19 crisis. An on-line review of recent bid results for similarly sized water treatment facilities indicates the unit price remains fair and competitive.

Based on this information it is recommended that the Authority complete the necessary documentation to exercise the one-year extension. If there are no objections, the Engineering Department will have the extension paperwork on the next Board Meeting for review and approval.

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Attachment

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