



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-1167

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 1, 2013

TITLE: Motion to approve proprietary purchases on an as-needed basis for water
distribution and wastewater collection infrastructure and treatment facilities

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of proprietary items on an as-needed basis for the water distribution and wastewater collection system infrastructure and treatment facilities.

Background

The Public Works Utilities Bureau operates two water treatment facilities, one wastewater treatment facility, over 200 sanitary sewer pump stations, and maintains over 1,500 miles of buried infrastructure. Annually, the Divisions of Distribution and Collection as well as Water and Wastewater Treatment are responsible for delivering over 14 billion gallons of potable water and collecting over 14 billion gallons of wastewater from approximately 250,000 neighbors. To accomplish this effort, Public Works Utilities relies on a variety of differing equipment.

The existing equipment is providing reliable service, but the around the clock operation in an abrasive and corrosive environment rapidly wears the equipment. When a piece of equipment is to be replaced, it is less expensive to replace the equipment with an exact match, avoiding the cost of re-engineering or reconfiguring the surrounding equipment.

While replacement parts, repairs, and service are often needed throughout the year, individual proprietary purchases may not exceed \$25,000. However, in aggregate, purchases from any one vendor may exceed \$25,000. The vendors listed offer the City their most favored customer pricing which is as good as or better than the pricing offered to other government agencies.

Resource Impact

Purchases are made on an as-needed basis and charged to the individual operating budgets per available funds and in accordance with established pricing.

Funds are available in the Water and Sewer Fund, Regional Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, and the Water and Sewer General Capital Projects Fund.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – List of Proprietary Vendors and Equipment

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