



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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** May 6, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to award a one-year contract for pipe restrainers – Invitation to Bid  
(ITB) 442-11385 - \$142,731.50

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission award a one-year contract for the purchase of pipe restrainers to the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder, Fortiline, Inc., utilizing the City's Contract (Form P-0001), in the estimated annual amount of \$142,731.50 and authorize the City Manager to approve three, one-year renewal options, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

**Background**

This request is for the supply of pipe restraint assemblies for both ductile iron and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes under pressure, which are primarily used for water distribution and wastewater forcemain systems. When completing pipe construction and/or repairs, pipes need to be mechanically attached or restrained at their joints. The fittings must be restrained against the forces of water pressure. This is necessary so that water pressure, or momentum from water in motion, does not force the pipe apart at the joints. Restraint is accomplished by means of a "grip ring" type, pipe restrainer assembly.

On February 17, 2014 the Procurement Services Division issued an ITB for pipe restrainers and received seven responses. Corcel Corporation was the lowest cost bidder. However, the products they offered did not meet the minimum requirements of the bid and are only compatible with ductile iron pipe and therefore have been deemed non-responsive. The pipe restrainers must be compatible with both ductile iron and PVC pipe.

## **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$142,731.50.

<i>Funds available as of April 9, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
450-PBS704135-5401	PIPEYARD INVENTORY	NON- OPERATING EXPENSES/ PURCHASES	\$1,812,640	\$834,989	\$142,731.50
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$142,731.50</b>

## **Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the *Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence*, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road, and bridge infrastructure

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: *We are Ready*

## **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation 442-11385

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