



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

#14-0890

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

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

DATE: August 19, 2014

TITLE: Motion to award a one-year contract for gate valves – Invitation to Bid
(ITB) 442-11418 - \$240,196.56

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award a one-year contract for the purchase of gate valves to the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder, Northrock Enterprises, LLC, in the estimated annual amount of \$240,196.56 and authorize the City Manager to approve three, one-year renewal options contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The Public Works Department uses various types of valves in its distribution and collection system that stop, start, energize, regulate, and isolate water and wastewater flow. Properly functioning valves are essential to the daily operations of the water distribution and sewer forcemain lines. Valves are critical during emergencies involving water and sewer main breaks because staff uses valves to isolate and confine the emergency and minimize the negative impact to neighbors.

The Procurement Services Division issued an ITB for gate valves and received eight responses. The low bidder, Traeger Brothers & Associates, Inc. (Traeger), offered the City a 100% discount for item eleven; this was an error. It was not the bidder's intent to provide valves at no cost to the City. Since corrections are not allowed after the bids are opened, Traeger withdrew their offer.

On July 16, 2014, HD Supply Waterworks, LTD submitted a protest to the City. They claim that Northrock Enterprises, LLC is offering valves that do not meet the minimum specifications contained in the bid. The Public Works Utilities Division and Northrock Enterprises, LLC have documented that the minimum specification requirements have been met. The Director of Finance responded to HD Supply Waterworks, LTD rejecting their protest. HD Supply Waterworks LTD did not appeal that rejection.

Northrock Enterprises, LLC is the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder in the estimated annual amount of \$240,196.56.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$240,196.56. Purchases are made on an as-needed basis and charged to individual budgets per available funds and in accordance with unit pricing.

Funds available as of July 1, 2014					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
450-PBS704135-5401	Pipe yard Inventory	Non-Operating Expenses/Purchases	\$1,812,640	\$414,362	\$240,196.56
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$ 240,196.56

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with 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.*

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation 442-11418
- Exhibit 2 – Protest letter
- Exhibit 3 – Protest response letter

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