



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

#23-0526

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: August 22, 2023

TITLE: Motion Approving the Purchase of Water Meter Boxes - Fortiline, Inc. and
Core and Main LP. - \$1,208,000 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the purchase of Water Meter Boxes and accessories from Fortiline, Inc., and Core & Main LP., for an initial two-year term in the amount of \$1,208,000 and authorize the City Manager to approve two (2) one-year renewal options, in the estimated annual renewal amount of \$604,000, for a potential total contract amount of \$2,416,000, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The Public Works Department is responsible for the City's maintenance of the water metering system. Part of this maintenance requires the installation and replacement of various types of meter boxes and lids that protect over 65,000 water meters throughout the City.

As lead agency for the Southeast Florida Governmental Cooperative (Co-Op), the Procurement Services Division issued an Invitation to Bid (Event No. 8-2). There were four (4) groups created for different types of meter boxes used by the various agencies in the Co-Op.

Group I Concrete/polymer & fiber reinforced meter boxes
Group II Concrete meter boxes
Group III Polyethylene meter boxes
Group IV Polymer concrete meter boxes

The bid due date was extended to entice competition. At the time of bid opening, two (2) bids were received. Since bidders' manufacturer's listed price differs, it is necessary for City staff to compare the actual prices after the discount percentage is applied for Groups I, III and IV. At the time of purchase, Fortiline, Inc. or Core & Main LP, will be awarded a purchase order based on the lowest quoted price after applying the discount to the manufacturer's listed price. The sole bidder for Group II, Core and Main LP, will be awarded all purchases after applying the appropriate discount.

Furthermore, it also in the City's best interest to award to multiple bidders to address supply chain shortages and market volatility.

Both Fortiline, Inc. and Core & Main LP met the bid requirements and deemed responsive and responsible bidders. Neither vendor indicated their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Purchases will be made on an as-needed basis beginning in Fiscal Year 2024 and charged to the individual operating budget per available funds, and in accordance with established discount pricing.

Resource Impact

There will be no fiscal impact to the City for Fiscal Year 2023. Future expenditures are contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the fiscal year budgets.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road and bridge infrastructure

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 3: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

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