



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

23-1112

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: December 19, 2023

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Proposals for Design Build Services for the Effluent
Pumps Standby Generators and Administration Building Improvements,
Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 104 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2,
3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject the single proposal received in response to Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 104 for Design Build Services for the Effluent Pumps Standby Generators and Administration Building Improvements project.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale entered into Consent Order Number 16-1487 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on September 29, 2017. The Consent Order was amended on October 12, 2020, and paragraph 6(R) of the Amended Consent Order identified a requirement to install permanent standby generators at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) to ensure treated sewage effluent is continually pumped to the deep injection wells in the event of an electrical power outage.

The Effluent Pumps Standby Generators and Administration Building Improvements project includes the installation of four (4) 3-megawatt generators, complete with fuel tanks, electrical switchgear, sound attenuation enclosures, and all appurtenances. Additionally, this project provides for construction of the generator pad(s), furnishing and installing new effluent pumps and motors, furnishing and installing electrical and HVAC equipment, and rehabilitation/expansion of the GTL administration building.

On May 31, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued RFP Event No. 104 for the Design Build Services for Effluent Pumps Standby Generators and Administration Building improvements. One (1) firm submitted a proposal: David Mancini & Sons, Inc. (DMSI). This firm did not list its status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

On October 6, 2023, the Evaluation Committee convened for an initial meeting to evaluate and score the single proposal.

On October 24, 2023, the Negotiations Team, which included members of the Public Works Department and the Procurement Division, conducted a negotiation meeting with DMSI. DMSI's proposal amount of \$24,980,000 was significantly higher than the estimated engineer's amount of \$15,000,000. DMSI held firm to its proposed price during negotiations. Hence, the City declared an impasse. As a result, staff recommends rejecting the single proposal.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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 2: To develop and maintain an adequate wastewater collection and treatment system, which meets existing and projected needs of the City and adjacent users in the Central Wastewater Region

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