



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

#24-0473

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2024

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Bids for Annual Stormwater Infrastructure Cleaning,
Condition Inspections, and Surveying - Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 229
- **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all bids received in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 229 for Annual Stormwater Infrastructure Cleaning, Condition Inspections, and Surveying.

Background

The Annual Stormwater Infrastructure Cleaning, Condition Inspections, and Surveying Contract is required to address citywide needs to transport and dispose excess water and debris located in the City's catch basins, stormwater mains, manholes, outfalls, drainage wells, and junction boxes.

On January 25, 2024, the City of Fort Lauderdale requested bids from qualified vendors to provide cleaning, video inspections, and pipe condition assessments of the City's critical stormwater infrastructure in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in ITB Event No. 229, and following the standards and guidelines for condition assessment of stormwater gravity mains and structures set by the National Association of Sewer Service Companies.

A total of four (4) firms submitted bid responses, with one being a no bid.

None of these firms listed their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

During the bid analysis and due diligence process to determine responsiveness and responsibility of bidders, staff deemed one of the bidders non-responsive for failure to meet the restrictive licensing requirements. The apparent low bidder has subsequently requested to withdraw their bid. As a result, staff recommend rejecting all bids and resoliciting the project to maximize competition by: (1) modifying licensing and minimum qualification requirements; and (2) revising the specifications for clarity purposes.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

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

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City’s natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

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