



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

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

DATE: December 3, 2013

TITLE: Motion to approve proprietary purchases on an as-needed basis for water
distribution and wastewater collection infrastructure and treatment facilities

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of proprietary items on an as-needed basis for water distribution and wastewater collection system infrastructure and treatment facilities from Eastern Elevator Service, Inc. and Pantropic Power, Inc.

Background

At its November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting (CAM 13-1442, Pur-3), the City Auditor pulled this item for additional information to be submitted.

The Public Works Utilities Division operates two water treatment facilities, one wastewater treatment facility, and over 200 sanitary sewer pump stations, and maintains over 1,500 miles of buried infrastructure. Annually, the Distribution and Collection Section and the Water and Wastewater Treatment Section are responsible for delivering over 14 billion gallons of potable water and collecting over 13 billion gallons of wastewater from approximately 250,000 neighbors. To accomplish this, the Utilities Division relies on a variety of differing equipment. The existing equipment is providing better than adequate service, but around the clock operations in an abrasive and corrosive environment rapidly wears the equipment. When a piece of equipment is to be replaced, it is less expensive to replace the equipment with an exact match, thus avoiding the cost of re-engineering or reconfiguring the surrounding equipment.

The City is under contract with Eastern Elevator for the monthly maintenance of the City owned elevators. Repairs to the elevators are outside of the scope of that contract. Whenever an elevator is under a maintenance contract, no other elevator company will make any repairs. Approving this proprietary request will allow the City the tools necessary to get the elevators repaired.

There are two vendors listed in the exhibit and each offers a different proprietary product or service. The vendors listed offer the City their most favored customer pricing which is as good as or better than the pricing offered to other government agencies.

While replacement parts, repairs, and service are needed throughout the year, individual proprietary purchases may not exceed \$25,000. However, in aggregate, the proprietary purchases from either vendor will exceed \$25,000.

Resource Impact

Purchases are made on an as-needed basis and charged to the individual operating budgets per available funds and in accordance with established pricing. Funds are available in the Water and Sewer Fund, Regional Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, and the Water and Sewer General Capital Projects Fund.

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.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – List of Proprietary Vendors

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