



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

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

**DATE:** March 17, 2015

**TITLE:** Load Bank – Ramsay-Bliese Corp. d/b/a Leete Generators - \$44,650

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of a load bank from the single responsive and responsible bidder, Ramsay-Bliese Corp., a California corporation doing business in Sonoma County, California, as Leete Generators, in the amount of \$44,650.

**Background**

A load bank is equipment that allows the user to test and properly maintain emergency standby and portable generators. The load bank is an essential part of any preventive maintenance practice to ensure a standby generator performs in the event of a power failure. The load bank test checks the ability of the generator engine to perform under load and provide the required horsepower needed in an emergency. A generator typically runs at a level less than the unit's rated output capability, so a load bank test provides an artificial load that brings the engine to an acceptable operating temperature. This test is required to prevent wet stacking in generators that typically run under less than capacity loads. Wet stacking can lead to fires in the exhaust systems from a buildup of unburnt fuels. This equipment will be used throughout the City to maintain small to medium size standby generators including portable generators.

The Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid Number 452-11553 and one response was received. In an effort to obtain additional competition this bid was extended one week from its original end date. Staff contacted additional vendors but no other bids were submitted.

Pursuant to Section 2-191(a), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, when only one bid is received under competitive bidding, negotiation is permitted in order to obtain a fair and reasonable price. Staff negotiated a \$500 decrease from the price offered by the single bidder.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$45,150.

<i>Funds available as of February 16, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
450-PBS660101-6499	Distribution and Collections- Operations	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$200,000	\$104,534	\$44,650
<b>TOTAL →</b>					\$44,650

**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.
- 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*.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

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