



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

**#26-0153**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 17, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 548 for the Purchase of a Sewage Pump Out Vessel and Aluminum Trailer - Pump Out USA - \$158,959 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the purchase of a Sewage Pump Out Vessel and Aluminum Trailer from Pump Out USA in the amount of \$158,959.

**Background**

On October 7, 2025, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 25-184 authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the purchase and operation of a sewage pump out vessel (CAM #25-0863).

A sewage pump out vessel is a specialized boat that travels to other boats to empty their waste holding tanks. These vessels have large holding tanks to store the sewage temporarily before transporting it to a fixed pump out station on land for proper disposal. The service provides a convenient way for boaters to dispose of their sewage waste in a responsible and environmentally conscious manner.

The Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program, via FDEP, is providing \$152,191.65 for the purchase and operation of a sewage pump out vessel. CVA requires matching funds for twenty-five percent (25%) of eligible expenses. Eligible grant costs under this program include boat operator salaries, general maintenance, parts and labor for repairs, and contractual repair services.

The City plans to hire a term-limited grant-funded position to operate the vessel. All eligible costs are covered by the grant at seventy-five percent (75%) and the City funds the remaining twenty-five percent (25%). Ineligible grant costs, estimated at \$57,522.00, include fuel and staff fringe benefits which will be paid by the City.

The City's total estimated annual financial contribution for the pump out vessel service is \$108,252.50 in year one (1) of the grant. The City's obligation for years two (2) through five (5) is estimated at \$296,000 (approximately \$74,000 per year). The City received two (2) donations to support this initiative: \$10,000 from the Coastal Conservation Association and \$5,000 from the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District (LIWMD).

On November 14, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued ITB No. 548. On December 1, 2025, bids were opened with three (3) responses from the following bidders:

- Marine Boatbuilders
- Pump Out USA
- Technology International, Inc.

The apparent low bidder, Technology International, Inc., was deemed nonresponsive for failing to submit the required documents and references as indicated within the bid. The second low bid submitted by Pump Out USA has met the solicitation requirements and has been deemed the low, responsive, and responsible bidder.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$158,959. Funds are available in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of January 20, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-539-60-6499-25GPOV	Sewage Pump Out Vessel grant	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$119,219.25	\$119,219.25	\$119,219.25
10-129-9300-539-60-6499-25GPOVA	Sewage Pump Out Vessel grant match	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$39,739.75	\$39,739.75	\$39,739.75
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					\$158,959.00

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 *Commission Priority* advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2029*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.
- Infrastructure and Resilience: 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 Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Urban Design Area Goal 4: Enhance the existing built environment and elements unique to Fort Lauderdale, including waterways, bridges, tunnels and other traversable features.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

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