



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

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

**DATE:** October 7, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion to award a one-year contract for compound and fire service water  
meters – Invitation to Bid (ITB) 442-11459 - \$138,663

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission award a one-year contract for the purchase of compound and fire service water meters to the single bidder, HD Supply Waterworks, LTD. (HD), in the estimated annual amount of \$138,663 and authorize the City Manager to approve three, one-year renewal options, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

**Background**

Public Works Utilities Distribution and Collection staff maintains over 770 miles of water distribution lines throughout the City. Part of this maintenance requires the installation and replacement of compound and fire service water meters. This contract affords staff the opportunity to procure meters as needed. The Sensus brand meter is exclusively used in the City to limit part inventory and allow ease of maintenance.

The Procurement Services Division sent an ITB to 441 vendors. The bid was originally scheduled to open on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Only one bid had been received, so the bid opening date was extended until August 29<sup>th</sup> in hopes of acquiring additional bids. Staff called various vendors that had viewed the bid and not responded to find out why they had not responded. The City was informed that HD is the only authorized distributor for Sensus water meters in Southern Florida and no other bids would be submitted.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$138,663.

<i>Funds available as of October 1, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
450-PBS704135-5401	PIPEYARD INVENTORY	NON- OPERATING EXPENSES/ PURCHASES	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$138,663
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$138,663</b>

**Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with 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 442-11459

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