



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

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

DATE: January 22, 2014

TITLE: Motion to award a one-year contract for liquid oxygen – Invitation to Bid
(ITB) 442-11330 - \$194,184

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award a one-year contract for the purchase of liquid oxygen to the single bidder, Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP, in the estimated annual amount of \$194,184, and authorize the City Manager to approve three, one-year renewal options, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) utilizes high purity oxygen produced at an onsite cryogenic oxygen plant to treat incoming wastewater to a level dictated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). During shutdowns caused by emergency, planned maintenance of equipment or equipment replacement, the plant is not able to produce oxygen for treatment purposes. During these times, it will be necessary to purchase reserve quantities of oxygen to sustain the biological treatment for GTL.

It is estimated that at current consumptive rates, 1,200 tons of liquid oxygen will be required to maintain the treatment processes in compliance with regulatory standards.

The Procurement Services Division issued an ITB to 269 vendors and received one response. Note, Praxair submitted a no-bid. Staff called that firm to find out why they did not submit a bid. The reason given was that according to their legal team, the profit margin was not large enough for their firm to accept the liability of the City's indemnification requirements.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$194,184. Purchases are made on an as-needed basis and charged to individual budgets per available funds and in accordance with unit pricing.

<i>Funds available as of January 10, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
451-PBS670503-3799	LOHMEYER REGIONAL PLANT OPERATIONS	SERVICES/MATERIALS-OTHER CHEMICALS	\$6,139,401.00	\$2,923,359.00	\$194,184.00
PURCHASE TOTAL →					\$194,184.00

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 442-11330

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