

City of Fort Lauderdale

City Commission Agenda Item

12-1243

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: August 21, 2012

TITLE: Motion to approve the proprietary purchase of a one-year membership from Water Research Foundation, Inc. - \$33,473.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the proprietary purchase of a one-year membership from Water Research Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$33,473.

Background

Water Research Foundation, Inc. sponsors applied research on behalf of the drinking water industry, managing over 1,000 research projects worth \$500 million. These projects cover all aspects of the water industry: resources, treatment, distribution systems, water quality analyses, health effects, and management. Funding for research projects is available primarily through memberships by water utilities. Current participants include 900 water utilities and more than 50 water related consulting firms and manufacturing companies; the subscriber body serves in excess of 200 million drinking-water consumers worldwide. Local Florida members include Broward County Water and Wastewater Operations, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer, and Palm Beach County Utilities. The City of Fort Lauderdale has been a member since 1995.

The membership program serves as a vehicle for the water utilities to subsidize a centralized research program. The fee charged subscribing water utilities is based on annual water production. By subsidizing such a research program, the City has a wealth of research knowledge available at nominal expense. Staff reviews all pertinent research and, where feasible, implements it in our operations (residential water use patterns, unaccounted-for water, automatic meter reading, consumer attitude survey on water issues, and assessment of developing water main rehabilitation practice.)

Resource Impact

- There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$33,473.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:								
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FY	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2012	450	01	WATER & SEWER OPERATIONS	PBS010101	PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR	4113	MEMBERSHIPS/DUES	33,473.00
					TOTAL			33,473.00