



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

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

DATE: March 17, 2015

TITLE: Manhole Rehabilitation Trailer – Madewell Products Corp. - \$84,786

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of a manhole rehabilitation trailer from the lowest, responsive, and most responsible bidder, Madewell Products Corp., a Georgia corporation (“Madewell”), utilizing the City’s Contract (Form P-0001), in the amount of \$84,786.

Background

The City currently has 10,049 manholes within the gravity sewer system. Manholes can be significant contributors to the problem of inflow and infiltration if they are not properly sealed and maintained. The manhole rehabilitation trailer and equipment will provide the City with means to properly inspect and correct manholes with deficiencies. This will be a new service provided by Public Works Department staff. In the past, manhole rehabilitation work was performed by outside contractors. The cost of this service for a standard manhole by an outside contractor is \$2,500 each. Performing this function with City staff is the most cost effective means to repair these structures, reduce infiltration and allow future construction growth.

The Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid 452-11566 for the purchase of a manhole rehabilitation trailer and received three responses. The Finance Director has determined that the lowest cost bidder, Quadex, Inc. (“Quadex”) is non-responsive because they took several exceptions to the bid specifications. The City required a minimum 80 horsepower diesel engine. Quadex offered a 29 horsepower engine. Madewell is the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder meeting the minimum requirements of the bid specifications.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$84,786. The available balance in the chart below reflects the amount remaining after the removal of pre-encumbrances established for this purchase. Pre-encumbrances are included on requisitions RQ1510520 in the amount of \$100,000.

<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-PBS660609-6499	Welding	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$260,000	\$56,575	\$84,786
TOTAL →					\$84,786

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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