

#13-0917

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

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

**DATE**: August 20, 2013

**TITLE**: Motion to approve a one-year contract for positive displacement cold

water meters - Invitation to Bid (ITB) 432-11222 - \$351,455

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a one-year contract for the purchase of positive displacement cold water meters from the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder, Sunstate Meter & Supply, Inc., in the estimated annual amount of \$351,455 and authorize the City Manager to approve three, one-year renewal options contingent upon approval and appropriation of funds.

## Background

Public Works Distribution and Collection staff maintains over 770 miles of water distribution lines and over 62,000 water meters throughout the City. Part of maintenance requires the installation and replacement of cold water positive displacement meters. This is a recommendation for approval of a one-year contract with three one year renewal options for the supply of positive displacement cold water meters that are used to measure the water consumption of the City's customers.

The Procurement Services Division sent an ITB to 399 vendors and received five responses. The Deputy Director of Finance has determined that the low bidder, Fortiline Waterworks, Inc., was non-responsive because they do not have a minimum of three years satisfactory operating experience as required in the specifications. The references provided were contacted, but the responses were not satisfactory. One reference reported that there were several defective meters delivered. Other references were for nonexisting contracts. Sunstate Meter & Supply, Inc. was the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder in the estimated annual amount of \$351,455.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$351,455. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budgets.

#### **FUNDS AVAILABILTY LOCATION:**

		SUB				SUB OBJ	SUBOBJECT	
FY	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX#	INDEX NAME	#	NAME	AMOUNT
2013	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS704135	Pipeyard Inventory	5401	Purchases	\$29,287.92
2014	450	01	Water & Sewer	PBS704135	Pipeyard Inventory	5401	Purchases	\$322,167.08
							TOTAL	\$351,455.00

# **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation 432-11222

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