



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2023

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Proposals for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation, Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 12738-1035 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all proposals received in response to Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 12738-1035 for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation Project.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Water Utility Division owns and operates approximately 64,000 potable water meters ranging from 5/8" to 16" in diameter. On an annual basis, the City bills for approximately 34 million gallons per day (MGD).

On November 10, 2022, the Procurement Services Division issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 12738-1035 - Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation. A total of eight (8) firms submitted proposals:

1. American Conservation & Billing Solutions
2. Badger Meter, Inc.
3. Core & Main LP
4. Empire Pipe & Supply Company, Inc.
5. Ferguson Enterprises, LLC
6. Mueller Systems, LLC
7. Pedal Valves, Inc.
8. Sustainability Partners, LLC

None of these firms listed their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

On January 11, 2023, the Evaluation Committee (Committee) convened for an initial meeting to evaluate the eight (8) proposals. Subsequently, on January 13, 2023, the Committee determined to shortlist the firms for vendor presentations held on January 30, 2023 and January 31, 2023.

The presentations were evaluated based on the evaluation criteria defined in the RFP document.

Upon review of the evaluation process, bid documents and solicitation language, staff confirms that the process requires greater clarity, consistency, and specificity in definition of scope and requirements. As a result of these concerns, staff recommends rejecting all proposals. The Procurement Services Division will consider the aforementioned concerns in drafting and issuing the future solicitation.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resiliency initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

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