



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0638

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement for the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Generators Phase 1 Project (Re-Bid) - Solares Electrical Services, Inc. - \$7,859,701.46 - (**Commission District 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTLWTP) Generators Phase 1 Project (Re-Bid), with Solares Electrical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$7,859,701.46, including allowances of \$100,000.00 for permit fees and contingencies of \$200,000.00 for additional labor, material, and equipment.

Background

Between 2014 and 2017, the City experienced failures in its wastewater collection system resulting in releases of untreated wastewater into surface waters and/or groundwater, which was in violation of Rule 62-604.130, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C). As a result of the violations, on September 29, 2017, the City entered into Consent Order No. 16-1487 (CO) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The CO identified various projects along with completion deadlines required to improve sanitary sewer service within the City.

Currently, GTLWTP has no emergency back-up electrical power for its five (5) effluent pumps. The CO was amended on October 12, 2020, to include paragraph 6(r) requiring the installation of permanent standby generators at the GTLWTP, along with other corrective actions. On April 4, 2023, the City awarded a contract to Cummins Inc. to purchase four (4) standby generators (CAM #23-0264), which are currently being stored at the City-owned Prospect Lake Wellfield. This Project is for Phase 1 of the installation of the four (4) new standby generators. These generators will provide power to run the effluent pumps during a power outage.

On April 16, 2025, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 460-1, GTL Generators Phase 1 (Re-Bid). On May 19, 2025, Addendum 1 was issued to add new specification documents to the solicitation, provide new information about the temporary storage of the generators, and to extend the bid due date to May 27, 2025.

When Addendum 1 was issued and posted to the City's strategic sourcing software, a technical issue occurred in the system. The system abruptly closed ITB Event No. 460-1, GTL Generators Phase 1 (Re-Bid) preventing the bid deadline from being extended pursuant to Addendum 1. Note that corrective measures have been taken by staff to avoid this issue moving forward.

As a result, ITB Event No. 460-1 was reproduced and continued under ITB Event 481-3, as the system auto generates new Event numbers and will not allow prior numbers to be repeated. Under the new ITB Event No. 481-3, Addendum 2 was issued on May 21, 2025. Addendum 2 served to:

- Notify potential bidders of the technical issue;
- Incorporate the terms, conditions, and specifications included in ITB Event 460-1;
- Extend the bid due date to June 2, 2025;
- Add a site visit to the Prospect Lake Wellfield; and
- Respond to questions submitted by prospective bidders.

Addendum 3 was issued on May 23, 2025, to add a new technical drawing of the generator duct bank. Due to the lack of responses or no bidder participation, Addendum 4 was issued on June 2, 2025, to extend the bid due date to June 9, 2025.

The City received three (3) bids from the following firms in response to the solicitation, which opened on June 9, 2025:

1. David Mancini and Sons, Inc.
2. RF Environmental Services, Inc.
3. Solares Electrical Services, Inc.

RF Environmental Services, Inc. and Solares Electrical Services, Inc. claimed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status. All firms were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements. Solares Electrical Services, Inc. met all the solicitation requirements of the ITB and was deemed the low, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$7,859,701.46, which includes allowances of \$100,000.00 for permit fees and contingencies of \$200,000.00 for additional labor, material, and equipment; and in-house project management fees of \$100,000.00, for a total cost of \$7,959,701.46. Funds for this agreement are available in the FY2025 Community Investment Plan in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of June 10, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE* (Character)	AMOUNT

10-496-7999-536-60-6599-P12529	Effluent Pumps Standby Generator and Administration Building	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$14,000,000	\$10,195,682	\$7,959,701.46
				PURCHASE AMOUNT ►	\$7,959,701.46

* Includes funds in the amount of \$4,800,000 Committed/Available in requisition #20066.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water and Stormwater Element
- Goal 3: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 - Construction Agreement

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