



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0200

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2024

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Proposals for Construction Engineering Inspection
Services for George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent
Pumps Standby Generators & Administration Building Improvements -
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Event No. 143 - (**Commission Districts
1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all proposals received in response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 143 for Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services for George T. Lohmeyer (GTL) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Effluent Pumps, Standby Generators & Administration Building Improvements.

Background

The Effluent Pumps Standby Generators & Administration Building Improvements project includes the installation of four (4) 3-megawatt generators, complete with fuel tanks, electrical switchgear, sound attenuation enclosures, and all appurtenances. Additionally, this project provides for construction of the generator pad(s), furnishing and installing new effluent pumps and motors, furnishing and installing electrical and HVAC equipment, and rehabilitation/expansion of the GTL WWTP administration building.

On August 1, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued RFQ Event No. 143 for CEI Services for GTL WWTP Effluent Pumps, Standby Generators & Administration Building Improvements.

On September 8, 2023, the event closed and a total of two (2) firms submitted responses.

- R.J. Behar & Company, Inc.
- The Corradino Group, Inc.

The Corradino Group, Inc. submitted a no-bid response.

On October 10, 2023, the Evaluation Committee convened for a combination meeting to evaluate the single proposal received and hear a presentation based on the criteria defined in the RFQ document. The CEI services were intended to be utilized for the design-build services for construction of the Effluent Pumps Standby Generators and Administration Building Improvements.

On December 19, 2023, the City Commission approved the rejection of the single proposal received for design-build services for construction of the Effluent Pumps Standby Generators and Administration Building Improvements due to a declaration of an impasse as negotiations were unsuccessful. The single proposal was unwilling to negotiate their proposed amount of \$24,980,000, which was significantly higher than the estimated engineer's amount of \$15,000,000 (CAM #23-1112). City staff has now opted to advance the design to 100% completion (which is expected to minimize risk/built in contingencies for prospective proposers) and secure a contractor through the design-bid-build delivery method.

As a result of the December 19, 2023 action to reject the single proposal for the design-build services, and the election to pursue design, bid, build delivery method, the required CEI services will be minimized and will be provided through existing annual contracts. As a result, RFQ No. 143 is no longer required.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Build 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, & 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.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – CAM #23-1112

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