



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

**#24-0553**

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** June 18, 2024

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase of Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls - Aquatic Control Group Inc - \$4,557,000 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls to Aquatic Control Group Inc (ACG) for an initial three (3)-year term in the amount of \$4,557,000 and authorize the City Manager to approve two (2) additional one (1)-year renewal options, in the estimated renewal annual amount of \$1,519,000, for a potential total contract amount of \$7,595,000, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

**Background**

The City has 165 miles of winding navigable waterways, highlighting what makes Fort Lauderdale unique and why it lives up to its designation as the “Venice of America.” The regular maintenance and cleaning of these critical waterways, including lakes, canals, and the Intracoastal Waterway, is a large commitment and requires specialized equipment.

The debris to be removed can be floating, submerged, intertwined within vegetation, or stuck under docks adjacent to a waterbody. These items may be sizable including trees and dock pilings as well as animal carcasses. The vessels and equipment required for cleaning these waterways must be capable of accessing and removing debris from wide bodies of water, narrow or shallow canals, canal ends, and other areas of concern.

Additionally included in this agreement are both chemical and mechanical controls to address potential needs related to the safety and health of our waterways in the event of a waterway spill, algal bloom, or proliferation of aquatic weed or vegetation that negatively impacts our valued aquatic ecosystems. Such services would be event-based and requested only should they be needed following an incident.

On April 29, 2024, the Procurement Services Division issued an Invitation to Bid, Event No. 296-1, for the purchase of Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls. On May 16, 2024, the event closed and a total of one (1) bid submission was received.

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Section 2-178 (c) (9), which allows the City to negotiate reasonable prices, terms, and conditions for any procurement where only one (1) responsive and responsible bid or proposal is received, staff met with ACG on May 20, 2024, to negotiate their best and final offer. It resulted in an annual reduction of \$169,943.60 yielding cost savings totaling \$509,830.80 for the initial 3-year term of the contract and an additional \$339,887.20, if the two (2) additional one-year renewal options are exercised.

The bidder indicated they are not a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

ACG has met all specifications of the bid and has been deemed the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$213,500 for this agreement. Funds in the amount of \$213,500 are available in the FY 2024 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below. Future years’ expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budgets.

| <b>Funds available as of May 20, 2024</b> |                                  |   |                                   |                                      |                  |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>                     | <b>COST CENTER NAME(Program)</b> | <b>CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>                  | <b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b> | <b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b> | <b>AMOUNT</b>    |
| 10-470-7340-538-30-3199                   | Stormwater                       | Services/Materials/ Other Professional Services | \$2,600,603                       | \$957,453                            | \$213,500        |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>                     |                                  |   |                                   |                                      | <b>\$213,500</b> |

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2024 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Places initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Solid Waste Management Element

- Goal 1: The City of Fort Lauderdale shall provide or maintain solid waste management and collection programs to serve current and future needs; and
- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Conservation Element
- Goal 1: Protect and monitor water resources to improve quality and quantity.
- Goal 3: Conserve, protect, and appropriately utilize the City's terrestrial and marine habitats.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Tabulation and BAFO

Exhibit 3 - CoFL - Aquatics Control Group Inc Agreement

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