



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

**#24-0019**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** March 19, 2024

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Agreements for Commercial Diving Services – In Depth  
Inc. and Industrial Divers Corp. - \$362,150 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3  
and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve Agreements, in substantially the forms attached, for Commercial Diving Services, with In Depth Inc. and Industrial Divers Corp. Inc., for an initial one-year contract period estimated aggregate amount of \$362,150; and authorize the City Manager to approve three (3) one (1)-year renewal options for each Agreement, in the estimated renewal aggregate amount of \$362,150, for a potential total contract aggregate amount of \$1,448,600, contingent upon allocation and approval of funds.

**Background**

The Fiveash and the Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plants' finished waste storage tanks and clearwells require the use of commercial diving service to perform yearly inspections and cleanings of all tanks. This is part of the five (5)-year cleaning and inspection requirement by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), as well as the current maintenance program to maintain the finished potable water quality. In addition, the Public Works Distribution and Collections section utilizes commercial diving services for locating, inspecting, and repairing underwater pipes.

On October 11, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (Event No. 136) for Commercial Diving Services and received three (3) responses. The event required bidders to bid on all items either on Group 1 or Group 2, or both groups per Section 2.29 of the solicitation. The bid analysis revealed KCDS failed to bid on all items and submit the required bid forms and references for Group 1. As a result, KCDS was deemed non-responsive. Out of the two remaining bids for Group 1, Industrial Divers Corp. Inc. is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder.

For Group 2, two bids were submitted by In Depth Inc. and KCDS, as Industrial Divers Corp. Inc. did not submit a bid. While KCDS did bid on all items for this group as per the bid instructions, they failed to submit the required forms and references. Consequently, In Depth Inc. was the sole responsive and responsible bidder for this group.

Staff is recommending for the City Commission to split the award in the following manner, Group 1 to Industrial Divers Corp. Inc. and Group 2 to In Depth Inc. None of the bidders indicated their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

**Resource Impact**

Funds for these agreements, in the amount of \$160,000, are available in the FY 2024 accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of February 20, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-450-7403-536-30-3407	FIVEASH MAINTENANCE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$852,157	\$378,509	\$70,000
10-450-7405-536-30-3407	PEELE/DIXIE MAINTENANCE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$319,706	\$189,302	\$15,000
10-450-7101-536-30-3407	UTILITIES ENGINEERING OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$3,706,430	\$2,912,967	\$75,000
					\$160,000

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience and Public Safety initiatives.

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

- The Infrastructure 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*

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 - Solicitation
- Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation
- Exhibit 3 - In Depth Inc. Agreement
- Exhibit 4 - Industrial Divers Corp. Inc. Agreement

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