CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#23-0677**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: August 22, 2023

TITLE: Motion Approving Increase to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Solution Consultant Services Cost Capacity - Black & Veatch Corporation - $106,049.00 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a cost capacity (CAP) increase to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Solution Consultant Services contract with Black and Veatch Corporation (Consultant) for Phase I activities from $260,851.80 to $366,900.80.

Background

The City Commission approved CAM #22-0498 on June 7, 2022, to award a service agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation to develop the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) vendor selection. On July 5, 2023, the City Commission rejected all proposals and directed staff to reissue the solicitation, providing greater clarity, consistency, and specificity in definition of scope and requirements, while addressing other opportunities for improving the process (CAM #23-0671). Black & Veatch Corporation possess the technical expertise required to assist staff in evaluating and recommending the best AMI solution to the City Commission.

This CAP increase is being recommended to allow the Consultant to assist with further developing the AMI implementation RFP prior to re-solicitation and performing vendor review and analysis of technical documentation within any bids received. The majority of work required for the re-solicitation of the AMI RFP involves modifying portions of the original project scope and infrastructure specifications, with clarifications to the scoring criteria for prospective bidders. Additionally, Black and Veatch will perform all of the same efforts previously required to evaluate technical documentation for all new proposals.

Staff has been working closely with the Black & Veatch team to ensure lessons learned from the previous RFP advertisement are addressed in the new solicitation, reducing any misinterpretations that were previously noted. City Staff will provide quality control oversight in review of the technical evaluation reports and recommendations to ensure the final selection recommendation aligns with the intent of the RFP advertisement, as well as the specific technical and operational requirements of the Public Works and Utility Billing teams.

Resource Impact

There will be a current fiscal year impact to the City in the amount of $106,049.00 for this contract capacity increase. Funds for this Agreement are available in the FY 2023 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below.

Funds available as of July 28, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME (Program)**	**CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-450-7101-536-30-3199	Utilities Engineering Operations	Services & Materials/ Other Professional Services	$5,216,597	$569,347.00	$106,049.00
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		$106,049.00

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top 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 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.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Commission Agenda Memo #22-0498
Exhibit 2 - Phase I Re-Solicitation Scope of Work

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