



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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 18, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving Agreement for the Purchase of Disaster Debris Management, Cost Recovery, Project Management, and Other Support Services – Thompson Consulting Services, LLC - \$10,139,947.50 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the purchase of disaster debris management, cost recovery, project management, and other support services in the event of a qualifying disaster with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC (TCS) in the initial three (3) year contract term fixed amount of \$10,139,947.50; and authorize the City Manager to approve two (2), one-year renewal options in the estimated annual amount of \$3,379,982.50, for a potential total contract amount of \$16,899,912.50, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) recommends municipalities establish emergency debris monitoring agreements to be activated in the event of a declared emergency, such as a hurricane. This agreement provides for the monitoring and reporting of the collection, processing, and disposal of large quantities of debris generated by natural and unplanned events. This agreement is needed to conduct specialized emergency debris removal work, as well as to provide assistance with project submittals for all categories of emergency and permanent work related to declared emergencies to help ensure accuracy in reporting and for successful monetary reimbursement from FEMA.

On October 20, 2021, the Procurement Services Division issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 12527-825 for Disaster Debris Management, Cost Recovery, Project Management, and Other Support Services.

On November 17, 2021, the solicitation ended with a total of four (4) firms submitting proposals in response to the RFP.

- DebrisTech, LLC
- Tetra Tech, Inc. (TT)

- Thompson Consulting Services, LLC (TCS)
- The RMJ Group

One (1) of the four (4) firms that responded indicated its status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

On December 8, 2021, the RFP Evaluation Committee consisting of Melissa Doyle, Solid Waste and Recycling Program Manager for Public Works; Paul Vanden Berge, Public Safety Administrator for Fire Rescue; and Bruce Freund, Accountant for Treasury, met to evaluate and rank the proposals. The committee voted to hear presentations from the two most qualified, responsive proposers TT and TCS.

On December 17, 2021, the committee met for presentations, scoring, and ranking. TCS was deemed the first ranked proposer. Refer to Exhibits 6 and 7 for Committee Evaluation Tabulations.

Staff recommends Commission award of a three-year agreement to TCS disaster debris management, cost recovery, project management, and other support services.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. This agreement will only be activated in the event of a qualifying disaster. This item is contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the annual budget.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2021 Commission Priority*, advancing the Safety initiative.

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.
- Objective: Be the leading model in domestic preparedness.

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 Solid Waste Management Element
- Goal 2: The City of Fort Lauderdale shall promote and implement best practices for solid waste management.

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element

- Goal 3: Prepare and guide coastal areas, residents, and resources before, during and after hazard and emergency events.
- Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – DebrisTech, LLC Proposal

Exhibit 3 – Tetra Tech, Inc. Proposal

Exhibit 4 – Thompson Consulting Services, LLC Proposal

Exhibit 5 – The RMJ Group Proposal

Exhibit 6 – Committee Evaluation Tabulation 12/8/2021

Exhibit 7 – Committee Evaluation Tabulation 12/17/2021

Exhibit 8 – Agreement

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