



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

#16-0616

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 7, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Approve Purchase of Median Beautification on State Road A1A
- Landscape Service Professionals Inc. - \$272,452.82

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award a contract to Landscape Service Professionals Inc. (Landscape Service), in substantially the form attached, for the Median Beautification Project on State Road A1A at an estimated cost of \$272,452.82.

Background

This project is for median maintenance/beautification on State Road A1A from 21st Street to Oakland Park Boulevard (nine blocks). Improvements consist of installation of improved irrigation, over 30 new palms, silver buttonwood hedges, bromeliads, native grasses and ground cover.

Invitation to Bid No. 263-11731 was opened on April 5, 2016 and 2 bids were received. The apparent low bidder, Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. was not eligible for the local business preference, whereas Landscape Service, as the 2nd low bidder was eligible. Upon considering their 5% preference, Landscape Service is being recommended for award as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The bid line item for mobilization requested that the mobilization cost not exceed 8% of the total bid. Both bidders exceeded this percentage in their bid. Staff therefore requests approval to waive this as a minor irregularity and allow the reduction of the mobilization price to conform to the 8% requirement.

Pursuant to Section 2-191, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, if the low responsive bid is considered by the Purchasing Manager to be high, he shall have the authority to negotiate a lower price with the low responsive and responsible bidder. Staff has negotiated with Landscape Service to reduce their mobilization to 8% of their total bid, resulting in a price reduction of \$2,663.68.

Staff requests approval to award the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Landscape Service Professionals Inc.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$272,452.82.

<i>Funds available as of May 16, 2016</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GHIGHWAY15A-6499	FY15 Highway Beautification Grant Match	Capital Outlay / Other Equipment	\$139,096	\$139,096	\$139,096
129-GHIGHWAY15-6499	FY15 Highway Beautification Grant	Capital Outlay / Other Equipment	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
001-PKR061901-3237	Median Maintenance	Services Materials / Lawn & Tree Services	\$1,985,689	\$950,111	\$33,357
TOTAL AMOUNT					\$272,453

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with in the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 2 – Contract

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