



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0979

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

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

DATE: September 7, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Approve Cancellation of Existing Contract and Approval of New
Contract for Purchase of Semi-Automated Refuse and Recycling Carts –
Schaefer Systems International, Inc. - \$1,520,979

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission cancel the existing contract with Otto Environmental Systems (NC), LLC (OES), and approve a new three-year contract, in substantially the form attached, for the purchase of semi-automatic refuse and recycling carts from Schaefer Systems International, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$1,520,979; and authorize the City Manager to approve two, one-year renewal options, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale manages an inventory of over 111,500 plastic refuse and recycling carts. The City purchases carts periodically to replace damaged or aged carts as well as to place new carts at newly developed properties. The use of semi-automated refuse and recycling carts, replacement parts, and cart inventory tracking services is efficient and economical in managing the collection of recyclables, yard waste, and refuse. In addition to cart inventory management, the continued use of reporting software can be used to determine collection participation rates by route and geographic area, assisting in the development of educational programs related to waste diversion, and recycling.

The current contract with OES ends in April of 2017. Taking into consideration that the current contract expires next spring and the recent decreases in crude oil pricing have positively impacted the market for refuse and recycling carts (oil is used to create the plastic they are made of), the City opted to rebid the contract, believing the market would deliver stronger pricing favorable to the City. The lowest cost responsible and responsive bid resulted in a projected savings of \$182,800 over the existing contract for the first three years.

On May 31, 2016, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid 862-11702 for semi-automated refuse and recycling carts and received a total of three bids. The bid from Schaefer Systems International, Inc. has met all of the specifications of the bid and

has been deemed the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder.

Resource Impact

There will be no current fiscal year impact to the City. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of funds.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 4: Reduce solid waste disposal and increase recycling.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 2 – Contract

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