#21-0572

**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: July 6, 2021

TITLE: Motion Approving Purchase - Financial Analysis Services for Unsolicited

Proposals for Water Treatment Plants - \$95,000 per Proposal -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Master Agreement and a Statement of Work ("SOW"), in substantially the forms attached, for the purchase of financial analysis services for unsolicited proposals for water treatment plants, from Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC ("EYIA") in the estimated amount of \$95,000 per proposal received, and authorize the City Manager to make additional purchases of such services via similar SOW's, each one for the estimated amount of \$95,000, for other proposals that are received for the same project, contingent upon receipt of funds from each proposer.

## **Background**

On June 1, 2021, the City Commission approved a resolution providing notice of intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement for a qualifying project submitted as an unsolicited proposal to design, construct, operate, and maintain one or more new water treatment plants and associated systems for the City's water utility ("Plants"), and notice of intent to accept other proposals for the same project. In addition to an unsolicited proposal for Plants that was received on December 21, 2020, the City received a second unsolicited proposal on May 18, 2021.

EYIA provided the financial analysis services for the December 21, 2020, proposal at a cost of \$95,000, that was funded by the proposer. The second proposal, as well as any additional proposals received during the 90-day proposal acceptance period, will be subject to the same financial analysis, at a cost of \$95,000 per proposal, funded by the respective proposer.

#### **Resource Impact**

There will be no fiscal impact to the City in FY 2021, as costs associated with the financial analysis are paid by the unsolicited proposer.

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure 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.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 7: Ensure coordination of infrastructure improvements.

#### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Master Agreement Exhibit 2 – Statement of Work

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