



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0322

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 567-1 - Ferric Chloride and Calcium Chloride for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center - Brenntag Mid-South, LLC - \$249,952 (One-Year Total) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the award of Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 567-1, Ferric Chloride and Calcium Chloride for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (PLCWC) to Brenntag Mid-South, LLC, for an initial one (1)-year term in the amount of \$249,952; and approve three (3) one (1)-year renewal amounts of \$249,952, for a potential total contract amount of \$999,808, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

On February 7, 2023, the City Commission approved the Comprehensive Agreement with Prospect Lake Water, L.P. (Project Company), along with a Labor Services Agreement with PLCWC O&M, LLC, to design, construct, and operate PLCWC, replacing the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant (CAM #23-0196). The PLCWC will utilize nanofiltration and ion exchange technologies to produce up to fifty (50) million gallons per day of high-quality potable water. Additionally, PLCWC has been engineered to withstand a Category five (5) hurricane. Project construction began in September 2023, with completion required by September 2026, followed by a thirty (30)-year operation and maintenance period by the project partners.

Section 14.03, titled *Coordination and Payment of Electricity and Chemical Supply*, of the Comprehensive Agreement, requires the City to supply, at no cost to the Project Company, all chemicals needed in the plant's commissioning and operation, in accordance with Annex L-2 – Guaranteed Maximum Chemical Consumption.

On December 15, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 567-1 – Ferric Chloride and Calcium Chloride for Prospect Lake. One (1) addendum was issued to extend the bid due date to foster maximum competition.

The solicitation closed on January 5, 2026, with two (2) responses from the following firms:

1. Brenntag Mid-South, LLC
2. Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.

Each firm bid on only one (1) chemical. Brenntag Mid-South, LLC bid on calcium chloride and Kemira Water Solutions Inc. bid on ferric chloride.

The bid submitted by Brenntag Mid-South, LLC for calcium chloride met the ITB criteria and was deemed the low, responsive, and responsible bidder.

The bid response provided by Kemira Water Solutions Inc. was deemed non-responsive since they provided an alternate chemical not meeting the bid specifications.

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the award to Brenntag Mid-South, LLC for calcium chloride. Staff intends to procure ferric chloride by piggybacking on Broward County Contract No. OPN2128651B1 with PVS Technologies, Inc.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$249,952 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. Funds are available in the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below. Future funding is contingent upon appropriation.

<i>Funds available as of March 25, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-450-7413-536-30-3799	Prospect Lake Operations	Service and Materials/Other Chemicals	\$1,128,972	\$980,872.37	\$249,952
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$249,952

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

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 3: Develop and maintain an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

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