



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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Agreement for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 600-1, Purchase of Boat Engines (including removal and installation services of the six (6) purchased engines) - Preferred Marine Sales Group, Inc. - \$225,055.52 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 600-1, Purchase of Boat Engines (including removal and installation services), with Preferred Marine Sales Group, Inc. in the amount of \$225,055.52.

**Background**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) patrols the City's navigable waterways using a fleet of boats. The purchase and installation of six (6) new boat engines are required to meet the department's marine operation needs, as the current engines have reached the end of their life cycle, as indicated by each vessel's hourly meter.

The engines for three (3) FLPD vessels are out of warranty and require numerous repairs to remain operational. The run time for the three dual engine boats are listed below:

- Boat 1 - Seven (7)-year-old engines with over 3,100 hours;
- Boat 3 - Nine (9)-year-old engines with over 6,000 hours; and
- Boat 8 - Ten (10)-year-old engines with over 6,100 hours.

On March 31, 2026, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 600-1 for the Purchase of Boat Engines. The City received a total of three (3) bids in response to the solicitation when it opened on April 28, 2026. The bidders were as follows:

- Preferred Marine Sales Group Inc.
- South Florida Boat Center
- Trustworthy Marine Services

All bids were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements. Preferred Marine Sales Group Inc. was deemed the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder and is recommended for award. Services will include removal of the existing engines and installation of six (6) new engines.

**Resource Impact**

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$225,055.52 are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget in the accounts listed below:

<i>Funds available as of June 12, 2026</i>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)*</b>	<b>PURCHASE AMOUNT</b>
10-129-9300-529-60-6499 25GFINDMOTOR	FY2025 FIND WAP Engine Replacement	Capital Outlay/Other Equipment	\$48,846	\$48,846	\$48,846
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10-001-5035-521-60-6499	Marine	Capital Outlay/Other Equipment	\$104,154	\$104,154	\$104,154
10-001-5062-521-60-6499	Criminal Investigations	Capital Outlay/Other Equipment	\$314,930	\$314,930	\$23,209.52
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					\$225,055.52

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety Initiative.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Be a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

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

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

Exhibit 3 - Agreement

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