



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

#26-0012

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 3, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving the Award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 540, Purchase of Prospect Lake Clean Water Center Chemicals - Chemrite Inc., Brenntag Mid-South LLC, Morton Salt Inc., and Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc. - \$1,312,538 (One-Year Aggregate) - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the award for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 540, Purchase of Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (PLCWC) Chemicals, to Chemrite Inc., Brenntag Mid-South LLC, Morton Salt Inc., and Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc., for an initial one (1)-year term in the estimated aggregate amount of \$1,312,538; and approve three (3) one (1)-year renewal options for an estimated annual aggregate renewal amount of \$1,312,538, for a potential total contract amount of \$5,250,152, 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 facility 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 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 – 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 October 16, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 540 for the following chemicals: hydrochloric acid, liquid ammonium sulfate, sodium chloride, sodium bisulfite, citric acid, ferric chloride and calcium chloride. Responses were due and received on October 30, 2025. The City received five (5) responses from:

- Brenntag Mid-South LLC
- Chemrite Inc.
- Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc.
- Morton Salt Inc.
- Odyssey Manufacturing Company

The bid responses provided by Chemrite Inc., Brenntag Mid-South LLC, Morton Salt Inc., and Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc. met the ITB criteria and were deemed the low, responsive and responsible bidders on a per line-item basis as detailed in the bid tabulation sheet (Exhibit 2). Therefore, City staff recommends the four (4) aforementioned bidders for award.

- Brenntag Mid-South LLC: hydrochloric acid, sodium bisulfite (full truckload and non-truckload), and citric acid (full truckload)
- Chemrite Inc.: citric acid (non-truckload)
- Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc.: liquid ammonium sulfate (full truckload and non-truckload)
- Morton Salt Inc.: sodium chloride (full truckload)

The bid submitted by Odyssey Manufacturing Company for sodium chloride in quantities less than a full truckload was deemed not cost-effective, as it was over 557% higher than the low bid for a full truckload submitted by Morton Salt, Inc. As a result, staff has determined that sodium chloride will not be purchased in quantities less than a truckload.

No bids were received for the ferric chloride and calcium chloride chemical line items; therefore, these items will be resolicited.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$69,945.77 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. Funds are available in FY 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below. Future funding is contingent upon appropriation.

<i>Funds available as of February 10, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-450-7413-536-30-3799	Prospect Lake Operations	Other Chemicals	\$1,128,972	\$1,053,634	\$69,945.77
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$69,945.77

Strategic Connections

This item is a Fiscal Year (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
- 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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