



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

#26-0070

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

FROM: Christopher Cooper, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2026

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Bids for Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 446-8 - Generator Replacement at the Public Works Administration Building - (**Commission District 1**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all bids received in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 446-8 for the Generator Replacement at the Public Works Administration Building project.

Background

The existing 600-kilowatt emergency generator at the Public Works Administration Building, located at 949 NW 38th Street, is 35 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Repair parts are costly and difficult to obtain, and the existing generator no longer meets current Clean Air Act standards for diesel equipment. To resolve the issue, the City has purchased a new generator and associated equipment. This project sought through the ITB includes removal of the existing generator, installation of the new generator and associated equipment, and verification that the existing concrete slab is structurally sufficient.

On March 24, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Division, formally advertised Invitation to Bid ("ITB") Event No. 446-8, Generator Replacement at the Public Works Administration Building, seeking bids from responsive and responsible bidders to replace the generator at the Public Works Administration Building. Due to the limited number of supplier responses and to facilitate additional supplier outreach, the City issued seven (7) addenda which included scheduling a virtual pre-bid conference and extending both the bid submission and Q&A deadlines. Responses were received and opened on July 17, 2025.

The City received two (2) bids from the following firms:

1. Tower Contracting, Inc. - \$191,990.50
2. David Mancini & Sons, Inc. - \$743,674.00

Following a bid analysis and evaluation, Tower Contracting, Inc., the apparent low bidder, was deemed non-responsive and non-responsible for failing to provide verifiable references acceptable for the nature of the work required and for not meeting the licensing requirements specified in the solicitation.

The bid submitted by David Mancini & Sons, Inc. was initially reviewed for possible award as the next low bidder. During this review, staff considered the bid results, the project budget, the availability of funding, and the licensing and certification requirements. The solicitation required Contractors to be licensed Electrical Contractors in the State of Florida and further stated that the Contractor must have a minimum of one (1) Licensed Master Electrician and one (1) Licensed Journeyman. Staff determined that David Mancini & Sons, Inc. did not demonstrate compliance with the licensing/certification requirements.

As neither bidder demonstrated compliance with the solicitation requirements, staff recommends rejecting all bids received in response to ITB Event No. 446-8. During the review process, staff also identified additional project readiness items that must be finalized before the solicitation is re-advertised and re-issued, including site preparation. The ITB will be reissued in approximately ten (10) months which will allow for the engineering design needed to address the additional project readiness items and time to process the new ITB.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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
- The Internal Support Element
- Capital Improvements Goal 1: The City will strive to provide infrastructure as appropriate to meet the standards set forth within the comprehensive plan elements, by preserving, modifying, and replacing existing infrastructure and providing new infrastructure related to growth and resiliency.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation
Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

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