



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

#26-0387

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 2, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving a Piggyback Award Utilizing the Broward County Board of Commissioners Bid Contract No. OPN2128651B1 for the Purchase of Ferric Chloride for Prospect Lake Clean Water Center - PVS Technologies, Inc. - \$300,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an award for the purchase of Ferric Chloride for the Prospect Lake Clean Water Center (PLCWC) utilizing Broward County Board of Commissioners (“Broward County”) Bid Contract No. OPN2128651B1, effective through February 19, 2027, in the amount of \$300,000; and authorize the City Manager to approve three (3) additional one (1)-year renewal options, subject to any renewals and extensions by Broward County and 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 the PLCWC (CAM #23-0196). The PLCWC is a new state-of-the-art water treatment plant that will replace the aging Fiveash Water Treatment Plant.

The facility will utilize nanofiltration and ion exchange technologies to produce up to fifty (50) million gallons per day of high-quality potable water and is engineered to withstand a Category Five (5) hurricane. Project construction began in September 2023, with a completion date of 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 for 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 Hydrochloric Acid, Liquid Ammonium Sulfate, Sodium Chloride,

Sodium Bisulfite, Citric Acid, Ferric Chloride, and Calcium Chloride. On October 30, 2025, the bid opened with the following five (5) bid responses:

1. Brenntag Mid-South Inc.
2. Chemrite Inc.
3. Hawkins Water Treatment Group d/b/a Hawkins Inc.
4. Morton Salt Inc.
5. Odyssey Manufacturing Company

The bid responses from Chemrite Inc., Brenntag Mid-South Inc., Morton Salt Inc., and Hawkins Inc. met the ITB criteria and were all considered responsive and responsible, resulting in all four (4) receiving contract awards (CAM #26-0012). However, no bids were received for Calcium Chloride or Ferric Chloride.

On December 15, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued 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.

However, the bid response provided by Kemira Water Solutions Inc. was deemed non-responsive since it provided an alternate chemical which did not meet the specifications of the bid. The bid submitted by Brenntag Mid-South, LLC for Calcium Chloride met the ITB criteria and was deemed the low, responsive, and responsible bidder, resulting in a contract award (CAM #26-0322).

Despite the prior solicitations, the City currently remains without a vendor to provide Ferric Chloride. Pursuant to Section 2-181(f)(5)(b), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City may purchase from (piggyback) a contract entered into by another governmental or public entity and a provider of supplies or services required by the City, if the Chief Procurement Officer determines that it is practicable and advantageous for the City to employ this method of procurement.

The Chief Procurement Officer has determined that it would be practicable and advantageous for the City to use this method of procurement for this purchase due to the previous solicitations that did not result in any bid responses for Ferric Chloride. This purchase will be made in accordance with Broward County award of Bid Contract No. OPN2128651B1 with PVS Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$97,371.00 for Fiscal Year (FY)

2026 and funds are available in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of April 29, 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	Services & Materials/ Other Chemicals	\$1,128,972	\$932,562.10	\$97,371
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$97,371

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, and 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 - Broward County Solicitation No. OPN2128651B1
- Exhibit 2 - Broward County Contract Award
- Exhibit 3 - Broward County Bid Tabulation and Award Renewal
- Exhibit 4 - Broward County Contract Award Renewal

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