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Agenda Item #:

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Department: Water & Sewer

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready):

Approve the purchase of Grundfos pumps and consumable parts from FJ Nugent and Associates, Inc., with an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS:

Fiscally Sustainable, Operational Excellence

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

Sole Source released to public 11/01/2022

BACKGROUND:

The Water Resources Department (department) currently operates and maintains approximately 137+ lift stations. With the various changes in elevation throughout the city, it is challenging to have a 100% functional collection system that only relies on gravity. Lift Stations are placed in key locations to assist with transporting what is collected in our system to the wastewater treatment facilities. The department has standardized to Grundfos Pumps in the operation of lift stations. The oldest submersible Grundfos pump was installed in June of 2000. The pumps range from 2 to 137 horsepower. Approximately 70-75% of our submersible pumps are Grundfos.

On November 1, 2022, the City released its Request for Information (RFI) No. 230008 relating to Sole Source Posting (SSP) 192 for Grundfos wastewater utility products. The sole source was posted for fifteen (15) business days per Florida Statute requirements. These wastewater utility products, including pumps, are proprietary Grundfos products. FJ Nugent and Associates, Inc., is the sole Grundfos distributor for wastewater products in our area.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

This standardization of Grundfos pumps results in a limited number of tested pumps/brands existing on our system for maintenance and technician familiarity. Staff have been trained on the operation and repair of Grundfos pumps and Grundfos parts are on hand for repairs. Though the pumps are standardized, the price quote is within the range of similar pumps from other manufacturers.

Staff recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These pumps are purchased and maintained as part of the City's inventory and will be accounted for using account #455-141-000-000-41-14100.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

The procurement of these goods and services was conducted in compliance with the City's Procurement Policy.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A. The City's Standard Purchase Order Terms & Conditions will be utilized for the procurement of these goods.

ALTERNATIVE:

- Approve
- Approve with Changes
- Table
- Deny