



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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Cc: Sarah Spurlock, Asst. City Manager

Greg Veliz, Asst. City Manager

**FROM:** David Hawthorne, Marina Supervisor

Mark Tait, Marina Manager

**DATE:** November 14, 2014

**RE:** Flowers Laboratory water testing contract for City Marina at Garrison

Bight, Key West Bight and Key West Ferry Terminal

### **ACTION ITEM**

The purpose of this item is to request approval of a two (2) year extension to agreement for water and soil sampling provided by Flowers Chemical Laboratory at City Marina at Garrison Bight and Key West Bight.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Resolution 12-034 and 12-043 awarded to Flowers Chemical Laboratory for analytical water quality testing in Key West Bight and Garrison Bight. Quarterly water quality testing is required by the State to maintain a submerged land lease at Key West Bight. Testing in Garrison Bight is conducted once a year voluntarily to determine any change in water quality.

The testing checks levels of contaminants in water and in sea bed soil, oxygen levels in the water and salinity. Flowers Laboratory has been under contract for the past three (3) years, the agreement allows Flowers to extend the service for an additional two (2) years if the city so desires, Flowers has agreed to the two (2) year extension and will operate under the same terms and conditions outlined in the original agreement. The original cost for Garrison Bight is \$9,692.00 annually and Key West Bight/Ferry Terminal annual cost is \$28,033.00.

#### Resolutions:

12-034 Garrison Bight \$9,692.00 12-043 Key West Bight \$28,033.00 Staff believes that rebidding the contract will cost the marinas more than exercising the two (2) year option with Flowers Chemical Laboratory.

## **OPTIONS**

- The City Commission / CRA can accept Flowers Chemical Laboratory for water testing and extend the contract for two (2) additional years.
- The City Commission / CRA can reject the two (2) year extension of contract from Flowers Chemical and put the water testing out for re-bid.

#### **ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES**

- There is no increase to cost for the two (2) year extension of agreement currently in place.
- Project will not have to be re-bid probably increasing the cost of service.

### **FINANCIAL**

The cost of water sampling/testing is \$9,692.00 for Garrison Bight and Key West Bight \$28,033.00

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Commission / CRA awards the additional two (2) year extension to Flowers Chemical Laboratory.