



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Bob Vitas, City Manager
E. David Fernandez, Asst. City Manager - Operations

FROM: Jay Gewin, Utilities Manager

DATE: August 1, 2012

RE: **Awarding the Bid from Griffin Pump & Equipment in the Amount of \$50,508.64. for ITB #12-022 to Purchase a Six Inch Trash Pump Dewatering System. Authorizing Budget Transfers to Enable Purchase.**

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will approve the bid for Invitation to Bid # 12-022 from Griffin Pump & Equipment in the amount of \$50,508.64 to purchase a six inch trash pump dewatering system for the Utilities Division. The low bid from Holland Pump was rejected because that company is not in compliance with the City's Domestic Partner Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Key West Utilities Division utilizes portable submersible pumps for a variety of reasons. These include dewatering trenches during underground utility work, and helping to drain neighborhoods in low elevated areas that are suffering from flooding.

This six inch dewatering system pump will operate at an improved level over existing equipment and will allow us to offer a greater level of service after rain events. Recognizing the need for this equipment, the City budgeted it for purchase for this fiscal year.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

On June 27, 2012 the City opened the bids for the six inch submersible trash

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pump. Holland Pump was the low-bidder for the pump at \$40,973. However, the low bidder is not in compliance with the City's Domestic Partner Ordinance, therefore the bid from Holland Pump cannot be awarded.

Griffin Pump & Equipment is the next lowest bidder at \$50,508.64 and is in compliance with the Domestic Partner Ordinance. Therefore the bid will be awarded to Griffin Pump.

This fee includes two discharge hoses, three hydraulic hoses, on-site training, a sound attenuation enclosure, and a two-year warranty on parts and equipment. No local provider was able to qualify under the terms of the local preference ordinance.

OPTIONS / ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES:

1. The City Commission can award the bid of \$50,508.64 to purchase the six inch trash pump dewatering system for the City of Key West Utilities Division. This option will allow the City to utilize a new and improved piece of equipment that will be tremendously beneficial during sewer repair work and for flood relief. It would also adhere to the terms of the domestic partner ordinance.
2. The City could award the low bid of Holland Pump in the amount of \$40,973 utilizing the "best interest of City" clause that allows the City Commission to waive the Domestic Partner Ordinance requirements.
3. The City Commission can reject all bids and re-issue the RFP. This option is not recommended because the City would not be able to realize the benefits from this equipment that was an approved part of our FY 2012 budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The bid from Griffin Pump and Equipment is \$50,508.64. The City had budgeted \$33,000 in line item 401-3504-535-64 for this equipment. The bids did come in higher than expected, but City Staff believes that we should award the bid from Griffin Pump so that the equipment can be procured immediately. We will transfer funds from either sewer fund reserves, or unspent funds in the 401-3504 line item for the purchase.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission select option 1, awarding the bid to of Griffin Pump and Equipment in the amount of \$50,508.64 for the purchase of a six inch trash pump dewatering system.