



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Commission  
**From:** Bob Vitas, City Manager  
**Date:** February 24, 2014  
**Subject:** Extension of Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services (Property, Casualty and Workers Compensation Program) for Policy Period FY 2014-15 with Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI)

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### **ACTION STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to City of Key West Code of Ordinances 2-797 Exemptions, (4)(b), Best Interests of the City, request the City Commission approve and extend Third Party Administrator (TPA) services for the administration of the City's property, casualty and workers compensation claims program with Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) for the policy period of 10/01/2014 – 10/01/2015.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On September 15, 2009 the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 09-246 authorizing the acceptance of Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI's) proposal to serve as the City's insurance (property, casualty and workers compensation) program Third Party Administrator for policy year 2009/2010 with four (4) additional years. The intent of the RFP was to provide the City the opportunity to annually re-evaluate the services provided by EMI and to exercise its option for renewal in subsequent policy periods based on their performance. Policy Year 2013-14 represented the final one year period that could be exercised by the City pursuant to Resolution No. 09-246 and RFP 09-011. With the recent resignation/retirement of the two primary City administrators who provided oversight for such services and the challenge their departure would create with respect to the construction a solicitation, releasing the solicitation and making an award for similar third party services, it is my strong recommendation the City retain for one additional policy period the services of EMI.

### **2009- Current Services Provided by EMI**

Throughout their tenure with the City EMI has proved to be a responsive and readily available service partner in providing the City with its expertise in claim's management, timely and active interaction with claimants and working closely with both the Legal and Risk Management staff. Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) has assisted Risk Management in implementing a more aggressive litigation defense program on all claims which include those claims made under the Heart and Lung Act. Adjusters work hand in hand with City Attorneys to pursue claims closure as quickly as possible.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) charges a flat fee for each claim administered, dependent on the type of claim. Such fees were established during the Request for Proposal process and were one of the factors considered in the award determination. The fee charged for the administration of each claim is still considered fair and reasonable and consistent with fees proposed under the RFP and additionally consistent with those fees charged by Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) of Florida's contemporaries. The FY 2014-15 proposed insurance budget, when approved, will contain amounts sufficient to cover the number of claims projected to be administered in the FY 2015 operating period.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request the City Commission extend the City's agreement with Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) for the renewal period of 2014-2015 as allowed for in the RFP No. 09-011.