




CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Bob Vitas, City Manager

From: Mark Z. Finigan, Assistant City Manager 

Date: September 9, 2013

Subject: Renewal of 2013-2014 Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services
(Property, Casualty and Workers Compensation Program)

ACTION STATEMENT:

Request the City Commission approve and extend the Third Party Administrator (TPA) services for the administration of City's property, casualty and workers compensation claims program with Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) for the policy period of 10/01/2013 – 10/01/2014 in accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP #09-011) published in April 2009: *"It is the intent of the City to agree to a one (1) year term with rights to renew with the successful proposer for four (4) additional one-year term at the sole option of the City."*

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 represents the final one year period that can be exercised by the City pursuant to Resolution No. 09-246 and RFP 09-011. It is the intent of the City to rebid Third Party Administrator services for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and possibly beyond.

2009-2013 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 2013-14 proposed budget contains amounts sufficient to cover the number of claims projected to be administered in the FY 2014 operating period.

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Commission extend the City's agreement with Employers Mutual, Inc. (EMI) for the renewal period of 2013-2014 as allowed for in the RFP No. 09-011.