

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** March 3, 2026

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing additional time of five years and expenditure authority up to \$17,397,193.00 for a total modified cumulative pool amount of \$30,557,526.00 for Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-01337, polymer for water treatment, for the Water and Sewer Department; provided that any contract award under the pool exceeding \$5,000,000.00 is ratified by the Board

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Strategic Procurement Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
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**From:** Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*  
Mayor

**Subject:** Request for Additional Time and Expenditure Authority to Prequalification Pool for Polymer for Water Treatment

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## **Summary**

This pool allows the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) to purchase polymer and polymeric flocculants essential for water and wastewater treatment operations. These chemical agents play a vital role in maintaining potable water quality and optimizing wastewater processing. In drinking water treatment, they act as coagulants and flocculants to bind fine particles, sediments, and dissolved organic matter, effectively reducing turbidity and improving filtration efficiency; an essential step to producing high-quality drinking water that meets or exceeds public health standards. In wastewater treatment, these chemicals facilitate sludge thickening and dewatering, enhancing solid-liquid separation in clarifiers, digesters, and centrifuges. This supports efficient plant performance, lowers operating costs, and advances sustainability goals. The use of polymers ensures regulatory compliance with NSF/American National Standards Institute (NSF/ANSI) Standard 60 for Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals, American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-555.320(3)(a), thereby helping to safeguard the health and safety of the County residents. The requested additional expenditure authority for the proposed five-year extension is based on WASD's current usage plus a 25% contingency. The contingency will allow WASD to address potential cost increases, higher polymer usage from operational or regulatory changes, and market fluctuations without interrupting essential water and wastewater treatment services.

WASD has confirmed that the pool is meeting their needs, and there is healthy participation from the prequalified vendors. The pool requirements have not changed, and it is further anticipated that if the pool was resolicited, the same vendors would prequalify. Additionally, due diligence was performed on all prequalified vendors, and no issues were identified. As this is an open pool, market research and outreach were conducted to identify additional vendors via INFORMS and DemandStar notices; however, no additional vendors responded. This extension will allow existing vendors to remain in the pool provided they continue to meet the requirements, resulting in greater efficiency for both existing vendors and the County due to a reduction in administrative work. Continuing with the current pool will allow existing vendors to focus on accessing bid opportunities, as opposed to repeating prequalification documentation. This pool will remain open and additional qualified vendors may be added at any time. To encourage participation, outreach events are held on an ongoing basis to inform vendors about pool opportunities and the benefits of becoming prequalified. Therefore, a five-year extension is being requested to take advantage of on-going efforts and efficiencies built under the existing pool, ensuring continued growth and effectiveness. Extension of the pool will continue to streamline processes and reduce the time to procure these goods and services, saving the County time and money and reducing administrative barriers for our vendors.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve extending *Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-01337, Polymer for Water Treatment*, for five years with additional expenditure authority of \$17,397,193 for WASD. An extension to the current pool is recommended to allow WASD to competitively solicit a variety of polymer and polymeric flocculants essential for removing contaminant

solids, such as sludge and organic particulates, and for clarifying potable water to meet federal, state, and local regulatory standards and support their operational needs. Currently, there are three prequalified vendors within the pool, none of which have local addresses.

**Background**

Polymers are primarily utilized in water treatment during the lime softening process, and in wastewater treatment for solids thickening and to accelerate settling in the final clarifiers during high-flow events. In water treatment, polymers aid in removing turbidity by aggregating fine particles and dissolved matter, resulting in clearer water and improved filtration. In wastewater treatment, they assist in thickening and dewatering sludge, enhancing the efficiency of solid-liquid separation systems and reducing overall operational costs. Their use directly supports the County’s efforts to safeguard public health, meet regulatory standards, and maintain reliable service delivery.

The pool was established by the Board through Resolution No. R-955-20 on October 6, 2020, for a five-year term with an initial allocation of \$2,430,000 for the first year. It was subsequently modified under delegated authority and by the Board via Resolution No. R-278-21 to provide additional expenditure authority, bringing the total allocation for the current term to \$13,160,333. The pool currently includes three qualified vendors that collectively offer 25 different polymers to best meet WASD’s operational needs. To ensure continued fair competition and access to the most effective products, the pool is solicited on an annual or biannual basis. Price adjustments observed during the term of this contract have remained consistent with industry market indexes.

This prequalification pool supports WASD in procuring polymer and polymeric flocculants used across various water and wastewater treatment facilities. These chemical agents are critical to maintaining the County’s potable water quality and ensuring the effective operation of wastewater treatment processes. All chemicals procured under this pool must meet applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including compliance with NSF/ANSI Standard 60 for Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals, AWWA standards, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-555.320(3)(a).

**Scope**

The impact of this item is countywide in nature.

**Delegated Authority**

There is no additional delegation of authority sought in this item as the authority to solicit pricing and award contracts up to an aggregate amount of the allocation authorized by the Board, exercise all provisions of the solicitation documents and any resulting contracts pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38, and add vendors to the pool at any time, subject to ratification by the Board on a bi-annual basis, was granted when the pool was established. Any contract award under the prequalification pool exceeding \$5,000,000 is subject to ratification by the Board.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The pool term expires on April 30, 2026, and has a cumulative allocation of \$13,160,333. If this request is approved, the pool will have a modified cumulative allocation of \$30,557,526 and will expire on April 30, 2031. The requested allocation is based on historical usage and the department’s anticipated needs throughout the extended term.

Dept	Existing Cumulative Allocation	Additional Allocation Requested	Modified Cumulative Allocation	Funding Source	Budgeted	Pool Manager
WASD	\$13,160,333	\$17,397,193	\$30,557,526	Proprietary Funds	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 3, Page 98, Other Operating	Fredrick Taylor
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,160,333</b>	<b>\$17,397,193</b>	<b>\$30,557,526</b>			

**Track Record/Monitor**

Manuel Jimenez of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

**Pregualified Vendors**

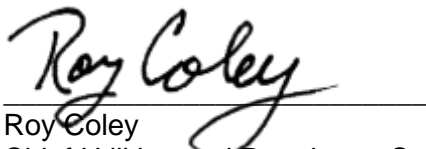
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Principal Address</b>	<b>Local Address</b>	<b>Principal</b>
Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.	200 Galleria Parkway Suite 1500 Atlanta, GA	None	Paul B. Kimberling
Polydyne, Inc.	1 Chemical Plant Road Riceboro, GA	None	John Pittman
Solenis LLC	2475 Pinnacle Drive Wilmington, DE	None	John Panichella

**Due Diligence**

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a keyword internet search. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to contractor responsibility.

**Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures**

- The two percent User Access Program applies.
- SBE measures and Local Preference will be determined at time of spot market competition where permitted by funding source.
- The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply.



Roy Coley  
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer



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(Revised)

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**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5’s \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) \_\_\_\_)** to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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3-3-26

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL TIME OF FIVE YEARS AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UP TO \$17,397,193.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CUMULATIVE POOL AMOUNT OF \$30,557,526.00 FOR PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. RTQ-01337, POLYMER FOR WATER TREATMENT, FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDED THAT ANY CONTRACT AWARD UNDER THE POOL EXCEEDING \$5,000,000.00 IS RATIFIED BY THE BOARD

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board authorizes additional time of five years and expenditure authority up to \$17,397,193.00 for a total modified cumulative pool amount of \$30,557,526.00 for Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-01337, Polymer for Water Treatment, for the Water and Sewer Department; provided that any contract award under the pool exceeding \$5,000,000.00 is ratified by the Board. A copy of the pool documents is on file with and available upon request from the Strategic Procurement Department.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman  
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eduardo W. Gonzalez