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**Commission Chambers**

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Research Notes**

**Item No. 3C  
File No. 210573**

**Research: MF / Reviewer: PGE**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UP TO \$7,500,000.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED PREQUALIFICATION POOL AMOUNT OF \$16,500,000.00 FOR PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. RTQ-00573 FOR PURCHASE OF METERS FOR WATER SERVICE - PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

**Prime Sponsor:** None  
**Requester:** Internal Services Department  
**Committee Action Date:** N/A

**RESEARCH FINDINGS**

OCA's review of this item yielded the following results:

1. The mayoral memo does not indicate the total number of water meters, parts, and accessories that are anticipated for purchase and replacement under the additional expenditure authority for this pool.
2. Core and Main LP – the vendor is a co-defendant in a class-action lawsuit filed September 3, 2020 in the U.S. District Court, Central District of California (Riverside); (*Ishmael Perez v. Core and Main LP*, Case No. 5:20-CV-01821). The complaint alleges the defendants failed to pay timely wages, failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failed to provide with adequate off duty meal periods and rest period compensation and wrongfully terminated the employment of plaintiff's and other class members in violation of Labor Code. As of April 10, 2021, the case docket shows there are plaintiff(s) and defendants' motions for July and August 2021.
3. Neptune Technology Group, Inc. – the vendor is a defendant in a lawsuit filed December 14, 2020 in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Alabama (Montgomery); (*Stanley v. Neptune Technology Group, Inc.*, Case No. 2:20-CV-01034). The complaint alleges the defendant discriminated against the plaintiff employee on account of her disability by failing to provide for reasonable accommodations and terminating her employment. As of April 10, 2021, the case docket shows there is a pretrial conference set for March 4, 2022 and a jury trial set for April 4, 2022.
4. Prequalification Pool vendor Badger Meter Inc. dba National Meter and Automation is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and not Indiana as stated in the mayor's memo. The company website may be accessed [here](#).

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**


The table below shows the original allocation amount, released amount, and balance under this prequalification pool (approved through Resolution No. [R-389-18](#)) effective from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2023, as depicted in the Bid Tracking System as of April 10, 2021; in addition, the table illustrates the proposed additional expenditure and the pool's value increase from the initial allocation.

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**PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. RTQ-00573**

<b>Initial Allocation Amount</b>	<b>Released Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
\$9,000,000	\$8,921,668.17	\$78,331.83
Proposed Additional Expenditure Amount: \$7,500,000		
Modified Prequalification Pool Amount: \$16,500,000		
Percentage Increase Total from Initial Allocation to Modified Prequalification Pool: 83% 		

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The mayoral memo is silent on the current lifespan of existing water meters that are expected to be replaced under this prequalification pool. According to [industry standards](#) as highlighted in Water Technology Magazine, although the lifespan of a water meter is approximately 20 years, research shows that water meter reading systems are usually upgraded at an average of 8.2 years. According to the [City of Pasadena, Texas](#), the typical useful life of a water meter is between 15 to 20 years. In 2017, the city began to overhaul water meters that were at the time 17 years old.

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**Item No. 3E  
File No. 210598**

**Research: JNF / Reviewer: PGE**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. FB-01676 GROUP 1 TO TOTAL CONNECTION, INC. FOR ITEM 1 AND CONTRACT NO. FB-01676 GROUP 1 TO PANCAR INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CORP. FOR ITEM 2 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ODOR CONTROL CHEMICALS AND ATOMIZING SYSTEMS, INSTALLATION, PARTS AND SERVICES FOR THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,184,993.00, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THIS AWARD FOR GROUP 1 TO TOTAL CONNECTION, INC. FOR ITEM 1 AND PANCAR INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CORP. FOR ITEM 2, ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE PURCHASE ORDERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SAME AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

**Prime Sponsor:** None  
**Requester:** Internal Services  
**Committee Action Date:** N/A

**RESEARCH FINDINGS**

OCA's review of the item found no substantive legislative, procedural or administrative noncompliance. See the Additional Information section for historical and other background information on the item.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

This contract, *Contract No. FB-0167, Odor Control Chemicals and Atomizing Systems, Installation, Parts and Services*, replaces *Contract No. FB-00006, Odor Control Chemicals* approved via Resolution No. R-876-14 in the amount of \$1,331,000 for a six-year term commencing on December 1, 2014 and expiring on November 30, 2020. The current cumulative value of *Contract No. FB-00006* is \$1,441,917, reflecting two prorations approved on September 23, 2020 and November 16, 2020 in the amount of \$55,458 each, with each proration extending the contract three months for a total six-month extension until May 31, 2021.

This replacement contract, by contrast, is for an amount not to exceed \$1,184,993 for a three-year term, representing an annual value increase of 78%. The Mayoral Memorandum cites an increase in the unit price for a chemical and the addition of a new chemical requiring purchase utilizing this contract as reasons for the annual increase.

The table below shows the departmental allocation and funding source for the replacement contract as compared to the current contract.

Department	Funding Source for Replacement Contract	Departmental Allocation under Current Contract, <i>FB-00006</i>	Departmental Allocation under Replacement Contract, <i>FB-0167</i>
Solid Waste Management	Proprietary Funds	\$222,931	\$738,068
Water and Sewer	Proprietary Funds	\$1,209,043	\$446,925
Transportation and Public Works	N/A	\$9,943	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,441,917</b>	<b>\$1,184,993</b>

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Resolution No. [R-718-17](#) directs the Administration to commence planning for reprocurement no later than 18 months prior to the expiration of contracts and prequalification pools for purchases of goods and services, inclusive of option to renew periods. Given this contract's original expiration date of November 30, 2020, the Administration should have commenced planning for reprocurement of this contract no later than May 30, 2019. The Invitation to Bid was not issued until July 28, 2020.

Total Connection, Inc. an SBE, is an incumbent vendor under the replacement contract. The other vendor under the current contract, Ideal Supply, Inc., did not submit a bid for the replacement contract. Although a local vendor, Ideal Supply, Inc. is inactive and was [dissolved administratively](#) on September 28, 2018 for failure to file an annual report to the state.

The two vendors being recommended for award in Group 1 are Pancar Industrial Supply Corp. (recommended for award for Group 1, Item No. 1 – Big D Sewer-D chemical) and Total Connection, Inc. (recommended for award of Group 1, Item No. 2 – Pyranha-Odaway Odor Control Concentrate chemical). Both vendors are local, certified SBEs.

The solicitation's Group 2 for atomizing systems, installation, parts and services was established under delegated authority given the value of the pool (less than \$500,000). The awarded vendors under the Group 2 pool are unknown at this time.

Total Connection, Inc. was the defendant in three separate commercial eviction proceedings, including one open case filed on January 4, 2021 in Broward County (*Sunset Lakes Shops Ltd. v. Total Connection, Inc.*, Case No. CACE21000090). The other two cases were filed on November 25, 2019 in Miami-Dade County (*Bridgerock Properties, LLC v. Total Connection Inc.*, Case No. 2019-025619-CC-23) and April 9, 2019 in Broward County (*Sunset Lakes Shops Ltd. v. Total Connection Inc.*, Case No. CACE19007642).

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