

Memorandum



Date: April 1, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(5)

Resolution No. R-358-25

Subject: Request for Additional Time and Expenditure Authority to Prequalification Pool for Fire Hydrants and Associated Parts

Summary

This item is for additional time and expenditure authority to allow Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) and Water and Sewer Department (WASD) to purchase fire hydrants and associated parts via spot market competition to maintain public safety and comply with all applicable codes. It is essential that fire hydrants meet minimum life safety standards and fire code provisions, including the National Fire Protection Association and Florida Fire Prevention codes adopted by the State Fire Marshal, as required by Chapter 633.202 of the Florida Statutes, and applicable local municipal regulations.

Departments have 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 prequalified 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 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-01452, Fire Hydrants and Associated Parts*, for five years and \$3,155,535 in additional expenditure authority for MDAD and WASD. An extension to the current pool is recommended to allow departments to continue to competitively solicit fire hydrants and associated parts to perform in-house repairs and to support their operational needs. Currently, there are five prequalified vendors within the pool, four of which have local addresses, including one certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firm.

Background

The pool was established by the Board through Resolution No. R-145-21 on March 2, 2021, for a five-year term. Fire hydrants are vital to the prevention and reduction of fires becoming destructive and causing injuries or the loss of life. Firefighters use fire hydrants to aid them in fighting fires. The fire hydrants create high-pressure water that surges into fire fighter connected equipment or fire engines. In addition, if needed, fire hydrants may be used for service trucks, such as tank trucks, to flush out sewage lines to their sewer maintenance trucks or fill their tanks on site.

An inoperable fire hydrant or one which is not up to code can lead to corrosion and failure, which could injure firefighters operating the fire hydrant or bystanders or result in loss of property or life when fighting fires. To mitigate this, fire hydrants are periodically inspected to ensure that they are compliant with all applicable codes and are performing properly. Annual testing of fire hydrants is recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 291- A.4.15) and required by Florida Statute 633.312. A program to regularly inspect and test fire hydrants is also a factor to consider when assigning ISO ratings.

WASD has started the process of taking over these inspections from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, a transition that is expected to be completed during Fiscal Year 2024-2025. If a fire hydrant fails an inspection, the County must take appropriate action to bring that fire hydrant to code. Failure to bring a fire hydrant up to code or replace a defective fire hydrant may result in a notice of violation and/or a fine, issued by the County's Fire Prevention Division, and exposes the County to potential liability for loss of property or life. By maintaining this pool, the County ensures reliable access to high-pressure water for firefighting and other essential services, enhancing public safety and infrastructure maintenance as well as compliance with applicable regulations.

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 March 31, 2026, and has a cumulative allocation of \$2,525,000. If this request is approved, the pool will have a modified cumulative allocation of \$5,680,535 and will expire on March 31, 2031. The requested allocation is based on historical use of the pool and the departments' anticipated needs throughout the current and extended term.

Department	Existing Cumulative Allocation	Additional Allocation Requested	Modified Cumulative Allocation	Funding Source	Pool Manager
MDAD	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$60,000	Proprietary Funds	Sylvia Novela
WASD	\$2,500,000	\$3,120,535	\$5,620,535	Proprietary Funds	Fredrick Taylor
Total	\$2,525,000	\$3,155,535	\$5,680,535		

Track Record/Monitor

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

Prequalified Vendors

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
Corcel Corp. (DBE, SBE)	2461 NW 23 Street Miami, FL	Same	Ray Corona

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
Core & Main LP	1830 Craig Park Court St. Louis, MO	18701 SW 108 Avenue Miami, FL	Mark Witkowski
Ferguson US Holdings, Inc. dba Ferguson Enterprises, LLC	751 Lakefront Commons Newport News, VA	10810 SW 184 Street Cutler Bay, FL	Kevin Murphy
Fortiline, Inc. dba Fortiline Waterworks LLC	15850 Dallas Parkway Dallas, TX	14202 SW 142 Avenue Miami, FL	Andrew Pacifico
Orbis Intelligent Systems, Inc.	5675 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA	None	Erin Haggerty

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 will be determined prior to advertising each spot market competition. Local Preference will be applied at the 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



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: April 1, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(5)

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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4-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-358-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL TIME OF FIVE YEARS AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UP TO \$3,155,535.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED POOL AMOUNT OF \$5,680,535.00 FOR PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. RTQ-01452 FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND ASSOCIATED PARTS FOR THE MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND 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 \$3,155,535.00 for a total modified pool amount of \$5,680,535.00 for Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-01452 for the purchase of Fire Hydrants and Associated Parts for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department and 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 **Eileen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2025. 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: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Eduardo W. Gonzalez