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MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2017

TO: City Commission

THRU: Greg Harrison, City Manager John Sfiropoulos, City Engineer

FROM: Horacio Danovich, CIP Manager

<u>Issue</u>

Staff is seeking City Commission approval of a Resolution to piggyback a City of Fort Lauderdale contract (Bid # 243-11357, Project No. 11825, See Exhibit "A") and award a contract to B&M Marine Construction, Inc. ("B&M") in the sum of \$130,815.00 (See Exhibit "B"). The contract will allow B&M to provide construction services related to a Water Taxi Station No.1 located at North Riverside Park (Riverside Drive and NE 2 Street, see Location map).

Recommendation

Staff recommends Approval of the Resolution.

Background

In 2014, the City applied and received a Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant. The grant consisted of \$17,500.00 to design a Water Taxi Station No. 1, with the City matching another \$17,500.00 (50% match).

In 2016, the City submitted another application to FIND for grant funding to offset costs of construction (see Resolution 2015-393, Exhibit "C"). Once again, the City was approved and received a grant award of \$98,500.00, with the City matching another \$98,500.00 (50% match).

Staff retained B&M to assist with design services. Over the last two years, B&M prepared the plans and assisted the City in obtaining permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE),



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Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department (BCEPGMD), and the City of Pompano Beach's Building Inspection Division.

With all permits on hand, the City is ready to construct the Water Taxi Station. Because B&M is currently providing the same type services as required by the City under Bid # 243-11357, Project No. 11825 to the City of Fort Lauderdale, staff is recommending that the City engage this firm through this existing contract. Furthermore, B&M has intimate knowledge of our project and it is in the City's best interest to have B&M complete the work. For example, B&M's efforts to date have resulted in less than anticipated costs. The initial cost projection for construction was \$197,000.00. In comparison, B&M's work will result in \$130,815.00 in expenditures. Half of the total costs of construction (\$65,407.50) will be paid with FIND's grant funding.