



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES

Date: February 22, 2018

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services

Through: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

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Subject: Sole Source Vendor Name Change from Municipal Water Works to Empire Pipe and Supply, Inc.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On December 16, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved Master Meter as the sole source manufacturer for Automated Meter Reading (AMR) meters, and also approved Municipal Water Works as the sole source provider for the Master Meter brand of radio-read water meters.

As of January 1, 2018, Municipal Water Works was purchased by Empire Pipe and Supply, Inc. with changes taking affect for customers February 12, 2018. Empire Pipe and Supply, Inc. will still be the sole source provider for Master Meter brand radio water meters in Florida.

Staff is bringing this to the BCC for approval to use Empire Pipe and Supply, Inc. as sole source provider for Master Meter brand radio water meters.

FUNDING:

Annual expenditures on the meters are \$389,778 in 2017 and \$324,888 in 2016. Funding for this project is available in the 471-166008 account, which is funded through water and sewer sales.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Master Meter	471-166008	\$389,778

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Purchasing Department to use Empire Pipe and Supply, Inc. as the sole source provider for the Master Meter brand of radio read water meters.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sole Source Letter for Empire Pipe and Supply, Inc.