



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES**

Date: August 9, 2017
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 for Ring Power

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS:

Presently, the Department of Utility Services has over forty emergency generators. These consist of both stationary generators at major facilities and lift stations, as well as portable generators that are rotated amongst various lift stations and other facilities as needed. Emergency generators ensure that key locations have electric power during any events causing a loss in power from Florida Power & Light (FPL) or the City of Vero Beach. Several of these generators are Caterpillar brand generators, which are serviced by Ring Power in Palm Bay, who are the sole source Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) repair center for Indian River County. These generators are tested and run briefly every month in order to ensure their reliability during any unforeseen events. Currently, the generator located at the Central Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is in need of repair. The cost to replace the generator would be over \$200,000. The cost of the repair is \$32,434.38.

Costs for ongoing operational maintenance and equipment was \$7,225 in FY15/16 and \$13,680 for year-to-date FY16/17. Expenditures to cover the remainder of the year are expected to be \$32,434.38.

FUNDING:

Funds for this repair are derived from the Central WWTF Generator Repair account in the Renewal and Replacement account in the operating fund. Operating funds are generated from water and sewer sales.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Central WWTF Generator Repair	47123536-044699-17534	\$32,434.38

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff of Indian River County Department of Utility Services recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Ring Power as the sole source provider for Caterpillar Generator systems service and repairs, and authorize the Purchasing Division to issue purchase orders to Ring Power for repairs as necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ring Power Quote
2. Sole Source Letter