



UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Merry Celeste, CPPB, Division Director, Purchasing and Risk Management Division

THRU: Jeremy Waugh, PE, Director, Utilities

FROM: Susan Goebel-Canning, PE, Planning & Project Management Division Director, Utilities

SUBJECT: Department Recommendation of Award Building Hardening Project *AW*

DATE: October 28, 2024

Department Analysis:

A total of two (2) bids were received for the Buildings Hardening Project – General Maintenance Department (GMD), the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility (SCBAWRF) Public Education Center (PEC), and SCBAWRF Dewatering Building is complete (BID No. 24-0562-ITB-C).

The bids received were provided to Pennoni, the Engineer of Record (EOR), for confirmation and bid recommendation. The EOR has confirmed that the low bidder is an acceptable contractor for this project.

The low bid of \$ 2,875,999.04 was received from Rycon Construction, Inc. and is approximately 24.04% lower than the EOR's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs of \$ 3,786,099.00.

Utilities Engineering recommends the bid award of the contract to Rycon Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,875,999.04 for County Projects PID 004578A and PID 5226A.

Project Purpose:

This project is part of a larger integrated buildings hardening program with the goal of improving structural hardening of critical facilities so that Pinellas County Utilities has the ability to maintain operations and services up to a Category 4 hurricane. The program's approach includes renovation of three critical facilities (GMD, SCBAWRF PEC, and SCBAWRF Dewatering) necessary for continuous operations during hurricanes, emergencies, and natural disasters. Overall, this project will reduce the community's risk to natural hazards and increase operational resilience.

These projects are fully grant funded through the Resilient Florida Grant that is supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Project Background:

This contract award is a single contract that has ARPA and Resilient FL requirements and requires construction to be substantially complete no later than June 30, 2026. The Contract provides 450

days from the Notice to Proceed Date with no term renewals. This bid was solicited on OpenGov in a two-phase process to all participants.

Projected Fiscal Impact:

Estimated two (2) fiscal years (FY25 and FY26) expenditure not to exceed: \$2,875,999.04

Attachments:

Tabulation of Bids