



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center
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February 5, 2025

Mr. Alex Manos
Environmental Specialist II
Pinellas County
22211 US Highway 19 North, Building 6
Clearwater, FL 33765

Dear Mr. Manos:

Enclosed is our standard joint-funding agreement **25MCJFA0029** between the U.S. Geological Survey Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center and Pinellas County for negotiated deliverables (see attached), during the period May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 in the amount of \$246,674.00 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$71,726.00 for a combined total of \$318,400.00. Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Bryan Carmenatty Cruz at bcarmenattycruz@usgs.gov or mail to the address above.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **May 1, 2025**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact Corin Downs at (813) 224-5062 or email cdowns@usgs.gov to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Bryan Carmenatty Cruz at phone number (787) 749-7415 or bcarmenattycruz@usgs.gov.

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

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Dorothy F. Sifuentes, PhD
Director, Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center

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U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations

Customer #: 6000001063
Agreement #: 25MCJFA0029
Project #: MC00E2A
TIN #: 59-6000800

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[X] NO[]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of May 1, 2025, by the **U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, CARIBBEAN-FLORIDA WATER SCIENCE CENTER**, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the **PINELLAS COUNTY** party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation the annual Data Collection Program – **Scope of Work (SOW) in attachment(s)**. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$71,726.00 by the party of the first part during the period
May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
- (b) \$246,674.00 by the party of the second part during the period
May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs, in the amount of: \$0.00
- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

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9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered quarterly. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

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ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK


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Signature

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Name: Dorothy F. Sifuentes, PhD
Title: Director, Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center

Signatures

By:  Date: March 25, 2025
Name: Brian Scott
Title: Chair

By: _____ Date: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____ Date: _____
Name:
Title:



APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Joseph A Morrissey
Office of the County Attorney

February 3, 2025

PINELLAS COUNTY

(May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026)

STATION NAME

STATION NUMBER	STATION NAME	2026		Details
		Surface Water	Rain	
02307359	BROOKER CREEK NR TARPON SPRINGS (DCP, discharge funded by SWFWMD)	2,100	0	upgrade to real-time
		0	2,100	rainfall
02307362	BROOKER CREEK AT TARPON WOODS BLVD NR OLDSMAR FL	8,500	0	stage only
		0	2,100	rainfall
02307445	SOUTH BRANCH BROOKER CREEK	19,900	0	discharge
02307498	RAINGAGE AT S-551 (discharge funded by SWFWMD)	0	2,100	rainfall
02307668	ALLIGATOR CREEK BELOW BELCHER RD AT CLEARWATER	19,900	0	discharge
		8,500	0	stage only
02307669	ALLIGATOR CREEK AT HWY 19 AT CLEARWATER	0	2,100	rainfall
02307674	ALLIGATOR CREEK AT KAPOK PARK AT CLEARWATER	19,900	0	discharge
		0	2,100	rainfall
02307780	LONG BRANCH NEAR PINELLAS PARK	19,900	0	discharge
		0	2,100	rainfall
02308861	CROSS BAYOU CANAL AT CEDAR BREAK DRIVE AT PINELLAS PARK	8,500	0	stage only
02307496	COW BRANCH AT LAKE ST GEORGE DR NR PALM HARBOR	19,900	0	discharge
02308859	CROSS BAYOU CANAL AT ULMERTON RD AT PINELLAS PARK	8,500	0	stage only
		0	2,100	rainfall
02308870	PINEBROOK CANAL AT BRYAN DAIRY RD AT P PARK	8,500	0	stage only
		0	2,100	rainfall
02308889	SEMINOLE LAKE OUTLET	8,500	0	stage only
		0	2,100	rainfall
02308950	ST JOE CREEK AT 62ND ST NR PINELLAS PARK	19,900	0	discharge
		0	2,100	rainfall
02309110	MCKAY CREEK NEAR LARGO	8,500	0	stage only
		0	2,100	rainfall
02309200	RATTLESNAKE CREEK NEAR BELLEAIR	19,900	0	discharge
02309415	CURLEW CREEK AT EVANS RD NEAR DUNEDIN	19,900	0	discharge
		0	2,100	rainfall
02309421	CURLEW CREEK AT BELCHER ROAD	19,900	0	discharge
02309425	CURLEW CREEK AT COUNTY ROAD 1 NEAR OZONA	19,900	0	discharge
		0	2,100	rainfall
02309447	BEE BRANCH NEAR PALM HARBOR	19,900	0	discharge
		0	2,100	rainfall
280842082392000	RG AT BROOKER CK PRESERVE ON TARPON SPRINGS RD	0	8,500	rainfall
		280,500	37,900	

Pinellas County Engineering

		Surface Water	Rain	Total
		2026	2026	2026
Totals		280,500	37,900	318,400
Pinellas County Engineering		214,759	31,915	246,674
USGS Cooperative Matching Funds		65,741	5,985	71,726