



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ranking of firms and agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm, DRC Emergency Services, LLC for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.

- The purpose of this emergency services contract is to provide public health and safety at public beaches and waterways for the collection, removal, and disposal of deceased marine life produced by a red tide event.
- Two firms submitted proposals: award recommendation is to the top ranked firm for a duration of 60-months to provide for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.
- The contract has a term of five years with a not to exceed estimated value \$5,000,000.00; actual expenditures are contingent based upon services required in the event of a red tide event.
- Similar to the Federal Emergency Management Agency debris removal contracts, this contract will not be utilized unless there is a red tide event. Actual expenditure is contingent based upon services required during an emergency event. Funds will be provided through contingency reserves. All or part of the costs incurred may be offset with reimbursement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Departments will not issue purchase orders obligating the County without identifying that amount of funding within each fiscal year's existing budget.

Contract No. 23-0400-RFP(AJM): not to exceed contract value of \$5,000,000.00 for the duration of the 60-month contract; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources.

Summary:

The purpose of this emergency services contract is to provide public health and safety at public

beaches and waterways for the collection, removal, and disposal of deceased marine life produced by a red tide event.

Background Information:

The County has 274 square miles of land and 588 miles of shoreline including 35 miles of coastal beaches. The Pinellas County Red Tide Plan includes considerations for collection, removal, and disposal of deceased marine life generated by a red tide event that impacts Pinellas County. The plan was developed to provide timely and coordinated operations using a combination of County and Contractor resources.

A Request for Proposal was released by the Purchasing and Risk management Division on June 23, 2023, resulting in two (2) responsive proposals. An evaluation meeting was held on August 17, 2023, with the committee recommending award to the highest ranked firm.

Fiscal Impact:

Not to exceed contract value of \$5,000,000.00.

Actual expenditures are based upon services required during an emergency event. A budget amendment would be recommended at the time of activation to cover necessary expenditures. As during previous events, the County would seek state funding to help offset clean-up related expenditures.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing & Risk, Administrative Services
Joe Lauro, Director, Administrative Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Service Agreement
Ranking Spreadsheet