



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Ranking of firms and agreement with Jones, Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering and biological, planning, and environmental services for the Curlew Creek and Smith Bayou Watershed Evaluation and Management Plan.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the ranking of firms and execute the agreement with the number one ranked firm, Jones, Edmunds and Associates, Inc., for professional engineering and biological, planning, and environmental services for the Curlew Creek and Smith Bayou Watershed Evaluation and Management Plan.

Contract No. 145-0425-NC, in the amount of \$935,000.00 (\$262,944.00 is the County share plus percentage of contingency if needed) from the notice to proceed date for thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar months. Chairman to sign and Clerk of Court to attest.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

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

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

### **Summary:**

The objective of this project is to develop a watershed management plan for Curlew Creek and Smith Bayou. The management plan will be used as a tool in the planning, regulation, and management of the watershed for future development, and as a basis for determining and prioritizing future capital improvements projects.

The firms in order of ranking are attached on the ranking spreadsheet.

### **Background Information:**

The Curlew Creek and Smith Bayou Watershed is a combined 8,546 acre drainage basin located in northwest Pinellas County. This large drainage basin is included in parts of unincorporated Pinellas County, as well as in the cities of Dunedin and Clearwater. The primary tributaries to Curlew Creek and Smith Bayou have existing poor water quality, and are known to contribute significant sediment loadings to St. Joseph Sound.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to comply with the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) per Florida Statute 287.055 was released on December 1, 2015; the negotiation and scoping process was concluded in October 2016.

The contract includes negotiated fully burdened hourly rates including all labor, direct/indirect overhead margins/profits, and travel within the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area (TBMSA). Travel outside of the TBMSA will be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for this project is derived from collaborative partnerships with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and the cities of Clearwater and Dunedin. Funding from partners will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

The County's share is derived from the Surface Water Utility Fee. A contingency amount of \$85,000.00 is included for minor unforeseen circumstances that may arise during design of the project and will only be used at the discretion and approval of the County. The County may seek reimbursement from partners for contingency funds utilized if applicable.

The basic services funding distribution is as follows:

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| County Share (31%):                 | \$262,944.00        |
| City of Clearwater Share (8%):      | \$ 70,326.00        |
| City of Dunedin Share (11%):        | \$ 91,730.00        |
| <u>SWFWMD Share (50%):</u>          | <u>\$425,000.00</u> |
| Total basic services not to exceed: | \$850,000.00        |

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| Basic services not to exceed:              | \$850,000.00        |
| <u>Contingency services not to exceed:</u> | <u>\$ 85,000.00</u> |
| Total expenditure not to exceed:           | \$935,000.00        |

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Rahim Harji, P.E., Stormwater and Vegetation Division Manager, Public Works  
Joe Lauro, Director, Purchasing

**Partners:**

SWFWMD  
City of Dunedin  
City of Clearwater

**Attachments:**

Agreement  
Contract Review  
Ranking Spreadsheet  
Location Map