



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ranking of firms and execution of agreements with the top six ranked firms for requirements of continuing engineering and environmental consulting services.

Recommended Action:

Approve the ranking of firms and execution of agreements with the top six (6) ranked firms for requirements of continuing engineering and environmental consulting services.

1. Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.
2. Atkins North America, Inc.
3. CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.
4. Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
5. Jones, Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
6. Singhofen & Associates, Inc.

Contract No. 156-0095-CN (RW); the upset limit over the five (5) year term is \$1,100,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$6,600,000.00; Chairman to sign and Clerk of Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

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

3.4 Reduce/reuse/recycle resources including energy, water and solid waste

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

5.1 Maximize partner relationship and public outreach

Summary:

The purpose of this contract is to provide engineering and environmental consulting services on a continuing basis as part of the County's environmental and surface water programs, implementation of multidiscipline projects and other environmental needs including but not limited to:

- Watershed management planning tasks including: developing, updating, or peer review of hydraulic/hydrologic models, pollutant loading models, and receiving water models.
- Development of environmental studies and sample design to identify pollutant sources, status and trend assessment, and support the development of restoration/management plans for surface waters.
- Field collection of environmental samples which may include water quality, sediment, groundwater, or biological data.

- Environmental data management and analysis including statistical and spatial analysis.
- Technical review of environmental regulations including Total Maximum Daily Loads, water quality assessments, and other regulations impacting or related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permits or stormwater operations.
- Assessing impacts from sea level rise.
- GIS work related to maintaining impervious coverage data.
- Community Rating system program support and implementation of floodplain management projects (including public outreach).

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

Background Information:

On January 12, 2016, in accordance with the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), the Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, released a request for proposal (RFP) with the intent of obtaining the services of qualified consulting engineering firms for engineering and environmental projects. The ranking of firms was completed April 7, 2016.

An agreement with each of the six (6) firms has been negotiated by staff and is presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. All rates for prime consultants and sub-consultants were evaluated to determine competitiveness based on current market conditions. Negotiations achieved rate reductions ranging from four (4) to twenty-six (26) percent as compared to the original submittals.

The hourly rates provided by all firms are fully burdened including labor, direct and indirect overhead, profit, and travel within the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area (TBMSA). Travel outside of the TBMSA will be reimbursed in accordance with Florida Statutes. There is no markup allowed for sub-consultants and the rates are fixed for the term of the contract. The contract term is five (5) years and is effective upon execution of the agreement. The County reserves the right to renegotiate rates if there is substantial change in market conditions.

Fiscal Impact:

The upset limit over the five (5) year term is \$1,100,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$6,600,000.00. The County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders pertaining to this contract provided the negotiated rates remain the same.

Funding is derived from various Capital Improvement Program budgets and/or operating budgets per individual work assignments on a multiple year/multiple work assignment basis.

Staff Member Responsible:

Kelli Levy, Director, Environmental Management Division, Public Works
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Joe Lauro, Director, Purchasing

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Agreements

Ranking Spreadsheet