

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ranking of firms and agreement with Atkins North America, Inc. for professional engineering, planning, and environmental services for the Anclote River Watershed Management Plan. **Recommended Action:**

Approve the ranking of firms and execute the agreement with the number one ranked firm, Atkins North America, Inc. for professional engineering, planning, and environmental services for the Anclote River Watershed Management Plan.

Contract no. 167-0002-NC(SS), in the amount of \$883,760.00 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

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

The objective of this engagement is to develop a watershed management plan for the Anclote River. The management plan will be utilized 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 Anclote River Watershed (Watershed) within the County has an area of 9,095 acres and is the largest river system in the County. In recent years, the Watershed and its associated natural resources have begun to exhibit signs of ecological stress. The Watershed is now listed on the state's verified impaired waters list for dissolved oxygen and nutrients.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to comply with the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055, was released on August 10, 2016; the negotiation and scoping process was concluded in March 2017.

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

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Management District (SWFWMD) and the City of Tarpon Springs (City). Funding from SWFWMD and the City will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

The County's share is derived from the Surface Water Utility Fund. A contingency amount of \$75,000.00 is included for minor unforeseen circumstances that may arise during development of the project and will only be used at the discretion and approval of the County. The County may seek reimbursement from SWFWMD for contingency funds utilized if applicable.

The basic services funding distribution is as follows:

County's Share (32%):	\$256,760.00
SWFWMD's Share (49%)	\$400,000.00
<u>City's Share (19%)</u>	<u>\$152,000.00</u>
Total basic services not to exceed:	\$808,760.00
Basic services not to exceed:	\$808,760.00
<u>Contingency services not to exceed:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
Total expenditure not to exceed:	\$883,760.00

Staff Member Responsible:

Rahim Harji, Director, Public Works Joe Lauro, Director, Purchasing

Partners:

SWFWMD City of Tarpon Springs

Attachments:

Agreement Ranking Spreadsheet Location Map