



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.34.

5/18/2021

Subject:

Revised Contractor Prequalification and Intended Award of Sykes Creek Phase I Muck Removal Services to Waterfront Property Services, LLC., D/B/A Gator Dredging

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,658,177.83 (Increase of \$921,773.00 over original intended awardee)

Dept/Office:

Central Services / Natural Resources

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners:

- Approve the recommendation to revise the award of Sykes Creek Phase I Muck Removal Services to Waterfront Property Services, LLC., D/B/A Gator Dredging;
- Authorize staff to move forward with Prequalification of Waterfront Property Services, LLC., D/B/A Gator Dredging; and if prequalified, authorize the Central Services Director to issue the Notice of Award;
- Authorize the County Manager, or designee, to execute any resulting contract, contract amendments or extensions, as necessary; and
- Authorize the County Manager to approve any necessary Budget Change Requests

Summary Explanation and Background:

On April 9, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved item, I.3, a Revised 2019 Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP) recommendation from the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) that increased funding by \$28.1 million for septic to sewer projects, decreased funding by \$74.8 million that was previously proposed by the COC for muck removal and/or interstitial water treatment, and reserves \$46.7 million available for future allocation; and authorized staff to process any and all necessary budget change requests, for current fiscal year, to comply with the Board's directives.

On December 12, 2019, Purchasing Services advertised an Invitation to Bid (ITB) in accordance with and by approval of the above, on behalf of Natural Resource Management for B-2-20-05 / Sykes Creek Dredging Muck Removal Project. This ITB opened on February 13, 2020. Submissions were received as follows for base bid pricing:

- Central Sand, Inc. of Rockledge, FL at \$4,736,404.70
- Waterfront Property Services, LLC dba Gator Dredging, of Clearwater, FL at \$5,658,177.83
- Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC of Greenville, SC at \$6,261,304.08
- Coastal Dredging Company, Inc. of Hammond, LA at \$14,415,639.26

After review of bid responsiveness, Central Sand was identified as the lowest responsive bidder and the prequalification process per BCC-28 was initiated.

On February 20, 2020, the Notice of Apparent Lowest Bidder tabulation was posted publicly per the terms of the ITB.

On February 22, 2020, Purchasing Services provided communication to Central Sand requesting all required prequalification documents as specified in the bid package to be provided by March 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The terms of the ITB per Addendum 2 provided a response time of fourteen (14) calendar days for prequalification documents.

Central Sand's prequalification documents were received as requested and a Prequalification Review Meeting in accordance with BCC-28 was scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 3:00 PM. However, due to COVID-19 escalation, public meetings were canceled in result of public safety concerns. At this time, Natural Resource Management staff expressed concern upon review regarding the documentation submittal provided by Central Sand due to deficiencies in demonstrating performance in nutrient removal; specifically, the effluent treatment measurable levels of phosphorus and nitrogen.

On April 13, 2020, a Request for Additional Information (RAI) was requested from Central Sand with a response date of April 24, 2020. Central Sand responded via email on April 20, 2020 requesting to meet with Purchasing and Natural Resources to discuss the information requested in RAI #1. A meeting was held between Central Sand, Purchasing and Natural Resource Management staff to discuss the RAI #1 additional information for prequalification requirements. Central Sand cited an ongoing, soon to be finished project with Cocoa Beach for similar work which would show sufficient qualification parameters of effluent treatment. During this meeting, a new due date for response to RAI #1 was agreed upon as June 30, 2020.

On June 29, 2020, Central Sand provided response to RAI #1. After review by Natural Resource Management staff, concerns remained regarding the effluent treatment abilities of Central Sand.

On August 10, 2020, RAI #2 was requested from Central Sand. A second discussion with Central Sand, Purchasing and Natural Resource Management staff was held on August 27, 2020 to discuss the RAI #2 and measures needed. A due date for response to RAI #2 was agreed upon as September 30, 2020.

On September 30, 2020 Central Sand provided response to RAI #2. On October 16, 2020, Purchasing and Natural Resource Management staff met to review the submission of RAI #2. Concerns remained regarding effluent treatment abilities of Central Sand. On November 10, 2020, RAI #3 was requested from Central Sand. A response date of December 18, 2020 was requested.

On December 18, 2020, Central Sand provided response to RAI #3. Natural Resource Management staff continued to review with concerns regarding effluent treatment abilities.

On February 5, 2021 Natural Resource Management staff and the consultant met to discuss the response to RAI #3 and determined that the submittals provided by Central Sand contained sufficient information to deem their effluent treatment capabilities acceptable. The consultant began preparing a recommendation of award.

On March 31, 2021, Purchasing Services received a Letter of Withdrawal from Central Sand, formally requesting withdrawal of their bid submission for this project.

Purchasing Services, on behalf of Natural Resource Management, requests approval from the Board of County Commissioners to proceed with the next apparent low bidder, which is Waterfront Property Services, LLC dba Gator Dredging. Gator Dredging has successfully performed similar projects for the County in the past and is in the process of continued performance of muck removal with the B-1-19-40 / Grand Canal Muck Removal Project.

The ITB terms and conditions (page 14) indicate that bid prices are to be held for 90 days from the date of opening. Although this time has passed; nothing in the bid documents prohibits continuance beyond this date with the next lowest bidder should both parties be agreeable. Gator Dredging has indicated that their pricing remains as bid and are able to enter into prequalification and performance of the project at hand for B-2-20-05 / Sykes Creek Dredging Muck Removal Project.

Upon Board approval, Purchasing Services will begin prequalification of Gator Dredging in accordance with BCC-28, Prequalification of Construction Bidders Prior to Award; and, if prequalified, issue a Notice of Award to Gator Dredging in accordance with BCC-25, Procurement.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None.



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May 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Darling, Central Services Director

RE: Item F.34., Revised Contractor Prequalification and Intended Award of Sykes Creek Phase I Muck Removal Services to Waterfront Property Services, LLC., D/B/A Gator Dredging

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 18, 2021, took the following actions:

- approved the recommendation to revise the award of Sykes Creek Phase I Muck Removal Services to Waterfront Property Services, LLC., D/B/A Gator Dredging;
- authorized staff to move forward with Prequalification of Waterfront Property Services, LLC., D/B/A Gator Dredging, and if prequalified authorize you to issue the Notice of Award;
- authorized the County Manager, or designee, to execute any resulting contract, contract amendments or extensions, as necessary; and
- authorized the County Manager to approve any necessary Budget Change Requests.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kimberly Powell".
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Natural Resources Management
County Manager
Budget Office
Finance