



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE**: September 5, 2012

**TITLE**: Motion to award a two-year contract for exotic vegetation removal and

habitat restoration, parcels B-C-D – ITB 522-11026, \$170,505.80 annually

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a two-year contract for exotic vegetation removal and habitat restoration, parcels B-C-D to DGC Environmental Services, Inc., d/b/a Common Areas Maintenance, in the estimated amount of \$341,011.60 for the initial two-year term and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the three, one-year renewal options, contingent upon approval and appropriation of funds.

## **Background**

On June 25, 2012 the City released an Invitation To Bid (ITB) for qualified firms to provide maintenance and planting activities within Parcels B, C, & D north of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. These areas total approximately 32 acres and contain areas identified with both Natural Resource Area (NRA) and wetlands designations.

The nuisance and exotic vegetation removal and planting to be performed under this contract will allow the City to comply with County requirements. The contract will be for two initial years plus three optional years of on-going maintenance. The contract will include the following: removal and maintenance of exotic plant species and native plant species; installation activities in environmentally sensitive lands; planting of native vegetation; and clearing, grubbing, and disposal of existing vegetation/litter/refuse within all three parcels.

This item was reviewed and approved by the Aviation Advisory Board at its August 23, 2012 meeting.

ITB 522-11026 was opened on July 18, 2012 with eight bids received. Low bidder Back Bay Aquatics Corp. withdrew their bid due to a pricing error of approximately \$60,000. Second low bidder, DGC Environmental Services, Inc., d/b/a Common Areas Maintenance, has met all of the specifications of the bid and has been deemed the low responsive and responsible bidder.

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# **Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$341,011.60

Funding for this contract is contingent upon approval and appropriation of the FY 2013 and 2014 budget

### **FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:**

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### Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation 522-11026

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