



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#22-0753

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: October 3, 2022

TITLE: Motion Approving Award for the Purchase of Landscaping and Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities at River Oaks and Melrose Park - Aquatic Control Group Inc. - \$641,900 - **(Commission Districts 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission award an agreement, in substantially the form attached, for the purchase of landscaping and maintenance of stormwater facilities at River Oaks Stormwater Preserve and Melrose Park Drainage Ditch with Aquatic Control Group Inc. (Aquatic) in the initial two-year fixed and firm contract term amount of \$641,900, and authorize the City Manager to approve two one-year renewal options, in the estimated annual amount of \$320,950 for a potential total contract amount of \$1,283,800, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The River Oaks Stormwater Preserve is located along SW 19th Avenue and Interstate 95 and consists of approximately 6.78 acres of created and enhanced slough/deep water, marsh, tree island, transitional buffer and tree preservation area. The River Oaks Stormwater Preserve was designed and constructed in 2021 to provide additional stormwater capacity for the River Oaks neighborhood. This site includes forested wetlands, a littoral zone, and a boardwalk.

The Melrose Park Drainage Ditch is bordered by Broward Boulevard to the north, Davie Boulevard to the south, State Road 7 (US 441) to the west and Indiana/Kentucky Avenue to the east. The ditch system is approximately 2.5 miles long and approximately 20-30 feet wide. This area is designed to provide stormwater retention during rain and storm events and is connected to a series of pipes meant to convey water from the Melrose Park neighborhood. The ditch abuts to privately-owned residential and commercial properties in multiple areas.

Public Works Stormwater Operations Program requires mowing and line trimming; litter removal; weed control (mechanical and chemical); tree trimming and removal; and removal of illegal dumping from the City's River Oaks Stormwater Preserve, Melrose Drainage Ditch, and other locations as needed.

On June 21, 2022, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 12700-823 - Landscaping and Maintenance - Melrose Park and River Oaks. On July 15, 2022, the solicitation ended with a total of seven bids submitted. One bidder indicated Local Business Preference and two bidders indicated their status as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

The solicitation specified that the bidder must have a valid commercial pesticide applicator license from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services with categories (5A) Aquatic pest control and (21) Natural areas weed management, a current/in good standing International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist or an American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA) on staff and must possess a valid Class A Tree Trimmer License. J-MAC Cleaning Services Inc., the lowest bidder, did not meet these qualifications nor did they provide the required sub-contractor's list and was therefore deemed non-responsive and non-responsible (See Exhibit 4). Aero Groundtech LLC submitted the second lowest bid but withdrew their bid from consideration on August 2, 2022 (See Exhibit 4). Juniper Landscaping of Florida LLC, the third lowest bidder, pursuant to Section 2.23.1 of the ITB, was deemed non-responsive for failure to provide their subcontractor information as part of its bid response. Aquatic met all requirements and is deemed the lowest price, responsive, and responsible bidder. Staff recommends Commission award the purchase to Aquatic.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$320,950 for this agreement. Funds for this agreement are available in the FY 2023 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below. Future years' expenditures are contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the annual budgets.

| Funds available as of October 1, 2022 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | INDEX NAME (Program) | CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | PURCHASE AMOUNT |
| 10-470-7341-538-3237 | Swale Cutback | Services & Materials/ Lawn & Tree Service | \$469,146 | \$469,146 | \$125,000 |
| 10-470-7341-538-3299 | Swale Cutback | Services & Materials/ Other Services | \$469,146 | \$469,146 | \$50,000 |
| 10-470-7342-538-3237 | Storm Drain Maintenance | Services & Materials/ Lawn & Tree Service | \$653,380 | \$653,380 | \$60,000 |
| 10-470-7342-538-3299 | Storm Drain Maintenance | Services & Materials/ Other Services | \$653,380 | \$653,380 | \$85,950 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ► | | | | | \$320,950 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item advances the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*

- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, stormwater, road, and bridge infrastructure.
- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

This item advances the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation

Exhibit 2 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 3 – 12700-823 - CoFL - ACGI - Landscape Maintenance Agreement

Exhibit 4 – Supporting Documentation

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