MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Sandra Close Turnquest, Deputy Executive Director, Corporate Resources

DATE: December 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Spatial Data Acquisition, Mapping and Image Processing Services with GMR Aerial Surveys, Inc. d/b/a Photo Science

Background:
The District has been successfully outsourcing spatial data acquisition, mapping and image processing services through the Science and Technology Services, GIS Discipline since February 2006. The existing Science and Technology Services, GIS Discipline work order contracts will begin expiring in February 2011. In order to continue to obtain spatial data acquisition, mapping and image processing services in an efficient, effective, economical and equitable manner, on July 8, 2010 the District issued RFP 60000000383. A total of nine proposals were received, of which eight were found to be responsive/responsible. Of those eight proposals, the top three will be awarded contracts.

The District is requesting Governing Board approval to enter into a three year contract, with two one-year renewal options, subject to successful negotiations with GMR Aerial Surveys, Inc. d/b/a Photo Science, one of three firms selected, for which the total not-to-exceed amount contracts for all three firms is $3,000,000.

All GIS work requiring the supervision of a Licensed Florida Professional Surveyor/ Mapper such as the acquisition of 2011 aerial photographs to be used for mapping would go through these contracts.

How this helps meet the District’s 10-year Strategic Plan:
Most of the major programs at the District use spatial data for decision support and mapping. Outsourcing spatial data acquisition, mapping and image processing services has been a successful vehicle in directing resources to our highest priorities.

Funding Source: The total amount for all three contracts is $3,000,000 for which $350,000 ad valorem FY11 funds are budgeted and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY12-FY14 budgets.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:
These contracts will provide spatial data acquisition, mapping and image processing support to all resource areas of the District and the entire geographic area of the District.

What concerns could this Board item raise?
There should be no concerns as the District followed Procurement and Contracting Policies and guidelines utilizing the RFP process. Work will be spread equitably among the three firms selected.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?
To ensure that spatial data acquisition, mapping and image processing services are available to accomplish the objectives set forth in the District’s Strategic Plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6351, or Sharon Trost at ext. 6814.

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