

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects Resource Area 

DATE: November 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Continuation of West Coast CERP Project Management/Coordination Support – Contract Number 4600001251-A01

Background

The District's Policy and Coordination Department had a need several years ago for project management/coordination support in executing the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and other related activities for a number of West Coast project initiatives, as shown below:

- Southern Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) Critical Project
- Lakes Park Restoration Project
- Coordination with the Stormwater Division on Projects and Issues
- Other assigned Coordination Activities

The duties under this contract amendment include continued support for implementing these projects, compiling progress reports and monitoring plans, as well as partnering with local governments and organizations. The benefits achieved under this contract since its execution in December 2007, have been invaluable to the successful implementation of the West Coast CERP projects. Continued support is critical to maintaining the momentum towards completing design and construction of the Southern CREW Critical Project. The services from Atlas Management, Inc., under this amendment will continue to assist District staff in managing current projects and future projects, as determined. Atlas Management, Inc., will also continue to provide support to District staff with respect to the numerous local government entities and other ongoing group collaborative efforts within the entire District, as needed.

How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan:

Successful implementation of the Southern CREW Critical Project and other CERP program projects are high priorities within the District's Strategic Plan and are identified in the Annual Work Plan for design and construction.

Funding Source: This is a one-year and 10-month contract extension with Atlas Management, Inc., for West Coast CERP project management support and is a Waiver of Competition as an exception to the general standards of competition in the amount of \$223,062 of which dedicated funds (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Fund)

in the amount of \$113,157 are budgeted in FY10 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY11 budget.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:

Atlas Management will continue to work on projects in Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties. Staff from the Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects Resource Area are managing the contract.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

Governing Board members could be concerned that this contract amendment was not competed. However, the cost of these services through the prior General Engineering Services contract rate structure was substantially higher than that of Atlas Management, Inc. Additionally, this firm has previous experience providing the above-described services to the District and has done so in a cost-effective and timely manner. Atlas Management Inc.'s staff has established a strong working relationship with the area's local governments and has an in-depth knowledge of the West Coast project initiatives. In addition Atlas Management is a certified SFWMD Small Business Enterprise Vendor.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This contract amendment should be approved because a cost savings will be realized due to the existing experience of Atlas Management, Inc.'s staff as compared to added cost the District would incur familiarizing others with the issues and project specifics related to the West Coast CERP project initiatives. Atlas Management, Inc., has established working relationships with local government and organizational entities. Atlas Management's past performance and quality of work has assisted the District in meeting many of its strategic commitments and needs to be continued, particularly for the West Coast CERP project initiatives.

Attachment - Resolution
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