

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: George L. Horne, Deputy Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance

DATE: December 01, 2008

SUBJECT: 4600001610 – Miami Field Station Slope Mowing Services

Background:

Maintenance of the Right of Ways is required to ensure that vegetation is controlled at a manageable height and will uphold the operational integrity of the District's flood control system. This project for the Miami Field Station will contract approximately 533.40 acres to be mowed on an annual basis. The low responsive / responsible bidder is Toler Enterprises Incorporated, at \$155.00 / acre. The current contract which expired on November 8, 2008, had a per acre rate of \$155.00. Since this is a work order contract, the amount of acres to be mowed will fluctuate, based on the weather and construction projects in these areas.

How this helps meet the 10- year Strategic Plan?

Mowing the District's Right of ways will reduce and control vegetative growth along canal banks which can impede operations, inspections and access to the District's water control facility.

Funding Source:

This is a 3 year work order contract in the amount of \$361,088.00 of which, \$90,272.00 is budgeted using ad valorem funds within Operations and Maintenance. The remainder is subject to GB approval of the FY10-FY12 budgets.

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

This Board item will impact the Operations and Maintenance of canal and right of ways in the Miami Field Station area of responsibility.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

If not mowed and maintained, these areas would become a potential hazard to the public as well as District employees.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This item supports continual operations and maintenance of the District canal system.

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