

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

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

DATE: August 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Vertical Datum Upgrade Project – OT051021 (Waiver of Competition)

Background

The Vertical Datum Upgrade Project is a Tier 1 Project. The current Project Manager is being temporarily redirected to the Acceler8 Project. This makes the task of orienting the new PM even more difficult. There is a significant benefit to the District in selecting an interim PM that is familiar with the goals, issues and technical components of the project. Mr. Dave Pabst, of EnterSource Inc. was responsible for preparing the work plan and the work breakdown schedule, based on the input of District staff and others. The work plan is the compilation of his interviews and his knowledge of project management. His new role would be managing the contractors that implement the composite work plan.

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

This will assist the Vertical Datum Upgrade Project to stay on the planned implementation date of February 2008 and avoid a possible duel recording of vertical data issue with the Corps of Engineers.

Funding Source: Ad valorem funding in the amount of \$150,000 is budgeted in FY05 and the remaining balance of \$300,000 is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY07-FY08 budgets.

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

The Vertical Datum Project will affect all areas of the District that deal with vertical data. It also impacts the Acceler8 Program and Modeling Group. The completion of this conversion is federally mandated.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

The current project is one (1) month behind schedule. The solicitation for a lead project manager would push the project to a status of "red". The Waiver of Competition allows the District to use EnterSource Inc. to continue on with the implementation phase of this critical project.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This is a Tier 1 Project and crucial to the District's Mission. Compliance with the Governing Board's request to complete this job in a timely manner and meet the entire District's vertical needs is paramount. The implication of not completing this project on time means that the District and the Corps of Engineers would be reporting vertical information on two different datum's with the potential of flooding neighborhoods and causing deaths.

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