

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

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

DATE: June 04, 2007

SUBJECT: General Engineering and Professional Services – Communications Engineering – 4600000846, 4600000847, 4600000848, 4600000850 and 4600000876

Background: The purpose of these contracts is to provide General Engineering and Professional Services in the Communications Engineering discipline in support of projects for several District Programs, including: Operations and Maintenance, Coastal Watersheds, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), District Everglades, Kissimmee Restoration, Lake Okeechobee, Land Stewardship, and Water Supply.

The selection committee recommends that, subject to successful negotiations, each of the following five (5) consultants be awarded contracts for the General Engineering and Professional Services in Communications Engineering: 1) RCC Consultants, Inc. (4600000846), 2) The Benham Companies, LLC (4600000847), 3) URS Corporation (4600000848), 4) Paradym Engineering, LLC (4600000850), and 5) CSA Group Florida, Inc. (4600000876). These are three (3) year work order contracts, with two one-year renewal options, for which the total not-to-exceed amount for all General Engineering and Professional Services contracts to be awarded is \$350,000,000.00 of which \$75,000,000.00 ad valorem funds are budgeted for FY2007, \$100,000,000.00 for FY 2008, \$100,000,000.00 for FY2009 and \$75,000,000.00 for FY 2010.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan: The General Engineering and Professional Services Contracts are needed to meet the demand for general engineering and professional services that currently exceeds the capacity that can be generated by existing District staff. This demand is attributed to legal mandates, restoration programs and the need to maintain existing facilities. Multiple awards of work order contracts are anticipated and will be available for use by all District resource areas and programs.

Funding Source: The funding source will be provided by the District's Programs or Departments who needs these services. Funding sources may include: ad valorem, State Appropriations or Save Our Everglades Trust Fund. The combined not-to-exceed total of all General Engineering and Professional Services contracts is \$350M, of which, \$75M is budgeted with the remainder being subject to Governing Board approval of FY08-FY10 budget(s).

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: This item impacts all District Departments/Programs and services in all 16 counties under the jurisdiction of SFWMD.

What concerns could this Board item raise? Assurances that a fair and thorough process was utilized by the selection committee during the evaluation phase.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? To assure that general engineering and professional services are available to accomplish the objectives set forth in the District's Strategic and Annual Work plans.

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