

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Tommy B. Strowd, P.E., Director, Operations, Maintenance & Construction

DATE: November 15, 2012

SUBJECT: 4600002766 – West Palm Beach Field Station Flat Mowing Services

Agenda Item Description

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize entering into a three-year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options with Treasure Coast Lawns, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Flat Mowing Services in the West Palm Beach Field Station area, in the amount of \$850,000.00 for three years, of which \$272,467.27 in ad valorem funds are budgeted in FY13 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY14 and FY15 budgets; providing an effective date.

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 West Palm Beach Field Station area, will contract approximately 17,310.5 acres to be mowed on an annual basis. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Treasure Coast Lawns, Inc., at \$15.74 per acre. Since this is a work order contract, the amount of acres to be mowed will fluctuate, based on the weather, budget, and construction projects in these areas.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities

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 three-year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options, in the amount of \$850,000.00 for which \$272,467.27 in ad valorem funds are budgeted in FY13 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY14 and FY15 budgets.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends authorizing the approval of Contract Number 4600002766, as this item supports continual operations and maintenance of the District canal system. If not mowed and maintained, these areas would become a potential hazard to the public as well as District employees.

If you have any questions, please call Tommy Strowd at ext. 6998 or Joel Arrieta at ext. 2915.