

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

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

**DATE:** March 5, 2007

**SUBJECT:** 460000745 - Kissimmee/St Cloud Field Station Relocation - Phase 2

**Background:**

This contract is for completion of construction of the Phase 2 portion of the Kissimmee/St. Cloud Field Station, to be built in Osceola County, Florida. The new field station is required to replace outmoded existing facilities located at the Kissimmee Field Station, and to provide new field station facilities located nearer and more convenient to the field station's area of maintenance responsibilities.

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

This project is integral to the District's 10-year strategic plan to refurbish and restore the regional flood protection/water management system. This project will provide for District field station facilities vital to the District's flood control mission.

**Funding Source:**

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Douglas N. Higgins, Inc., with a total bid amount of \$9,714,000.00, of which \$3,000,000.00 is budgeted using ad valorem funds under the Operations and Maintenance Capital Program and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY08 Budget.

**This Governing Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography?**

This item affects District Operations and Maintenance Resource Area in Osceola County.

**What concerns could this Board item raise?**

This Request for Bids (RFB) followed standard procurement procedures. The lowest and most responsive and responsible bidder was recommended for award of the contract.

**Why should the Governing Board approve this item?**

Providing for construction of the new Kissimmee/St. Cloud Field Station will provide for efficient and properly located field station facilities in the Kissimmee/St. Cloud area. This project will enhance a key component of the District's flood control system's maintenance and operations.

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