

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation for Renewal 16-060T – Emergency Debris Clean Up and Removal Services

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the recommendation to renew the Invitation to Bid (ITB) 16-060T – Emergency Debris Clean Up and Removal Services for a period of one (1) year from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), recognizes the need to perform efficient and timely cleanup of debris generated after a storm/natural disaster. Implementation of this Agreement will ensure SBBC's debris removal program will be in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. In an effort to help maximize eligible Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement, ensure a time-efficient cleanup of sites and establish a pre-determined price, a pre-event debris hauler contract should save our District time and money. Physical Plant Operations (PPO) utilizes this Bid for the cleanup and removal of hazardous debris from District-wide sites after a severe storm, natural disaster, or similar event.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Physical Plant Operations (PPO)

This contract will be activated in the event debris generated from a disaster exceeds SBBC's capability to manage the clean-up internally. A successful debris removal operation requires a collaborative effort between SBBC, the chosen debris haulers, and external agencies. This Bid will help the District maximize eligible FEMA reimbursement dollars on future storm/debris removal cost. The disaster debris hauling contractors have a pre-negotiated contract and are on-call to SBBC following a natural disaster.

Funding following a natural disaster/hurricane will depend on damage inflicted from the event. Hurricanes can range from a category one (maximum wind speed is ninety-five (95) miles per hour) to a category five (5) (maximum wind speeds of over one hundred fifty-seven (157) miles per hour) storm. There is no guarantee that a higher category hurricane will inflict more damage than a lower category.

Payment for these agreements may be reimbursed by federal grant programs under FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program. FEMA encourages all governmental entities to identify disaster debris clearance and removal service providers prior to an emergency. Establishment of this contract should limit the District's exposure to potential non-reimbursement following a Presidential disaster declaration.

Debris removal operations are often time-consuming and costly. This Bid is a component of Risk Management's Emergency Management Plan (Debris Management) which evaluates the potential for large-scale debris removal and disposal operations. This Bid also gives the District guidance in planning, organizing, mobilizing, and controlling removal and disposal of debris. A properly executed debris management plan will put the District in a better position as an applicant for public assistance.

Oversight, monitoring, and request for FEMA reimbursement of debris removal operations on this Bid will be provided by General Consultants working on the "Debris Monitoring Services for Natural Disasters Bid # 17-142R".

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Procurement Method

Responsible: PWS

This item was approved for award by The School Board of Broward County, Florida, at the December 8, 2015, School Board meeting, for a three (3) year term from December 9, 2015 through November 30, 2018, with an award amount of \$6,800,000.

This contract was awarded to four (4) vendors: Asplundh Environmental Services, Inc., Bergeron Emergency Services, Inc., Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., and Custom Tree Care, Inc. Two (2) of them, Bergeron Emergency Services, Inc. and Custom Tree Care, Inc. (with three (3) percent price increase) have agreed to renew the contract. Two (2) of them, Asplundh Environmental Services, Inc., and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. are not renewing the contract.

PWS performed benchmark with the School Board of Palm Beach County, the City of Lauderdale Lakes, and the City of Homestead and found pricing within an acceptable range and determined that it is in the best interest of the District to renew the existing contract. Staff has indicated that vendors' performance is satisfactory and recommend the extension and continuation of services with the awarded vendors.

Financial Impact

Responsible: PWS and PPO

If this Bid is utilized to remove debris after a natural disaster, funding will initially come from the Capital Reserve. The District will then seek reimbursement from FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program or other programs that may be available. Any amount(s) that are not approved for reimbursement will be a financial impact to the Capital Reserve. The financial impact on potential future storms impacting this District cannot be predicted. Therefore, PPO requests to have the unused authorized spending of \$4,620,000 available. Please note, funding under this Bid will be accessed only if an emergency or major storm occurs.