

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Patrick Webster, Chief Professional Engineer
THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director
DATE: August 30, 2019
RE: Approval of Qualified Firms and Authorization to Enter into Contracts

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the lists of qualified engineering and environmental firms and authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts with each firm.

BACKGROUND

The District has several programs that support its mission to ensure the sustainable use and protection of water resources for the benefit of the people of the District and the state of Florida. Due to the amount of work required to support its mission through various projects and the desire for outside expertise and peer review related to this work, the District solicited qualifications from interested engineering and environmental service firms through RFQ No 18/19-025AE. The deadline to receive proposals under this RFQ was July 2, 2019.

Since there are several programs within the District which have discrete services, the District requested qualifications from interested firms on the below seven Chapters.

- A. Surface and Groundwater Modeling
- B. Assessment of Natural Systems/Environmental Monitoring and Water Supply Planning
- C. Engineering Assessments, Project Development, Design, Permitting, Construction Monitoring, and other related services
- D. Agricultural Engineering Assessments, Project Development, Design Permitting, Construction Monitoring, and other related services
- E. Environmental Data Collection and Assessment
- F. Environmental Compliance and Permitting
- G. Surveying and Mapping

The District received 31 acceptable submittals from firms requesting to be qualified under one or more of the stated chapters. The submittals were reviewed by a selection committee during a public meeting. Each qualified firm will enter into a contract with the District to provide the specific services under the chapters for which they were approved. Work under the contracts will be conducted through task work assignments issued by staff for specific projects. The initial contracts will be for a period of three years with the potential for two subsequent one-year renewals based upon the same terms and conditions or those more favorable to the District and mutual agreement of the District and the Consultant.

The following list shows the qualified firms recommended under each of the chapters: