


INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Keith McCully, P.E., Stormwater Engineer 

SUBJECT: Rejection of Bid for Reinforced Concrete Wall Sawing and Duperon FlexRake Rehabilitation at PC Main Screening System and Request to Rebid

DATE: February 7, 2017

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

Improvements are necessary at PC Main Screening System to improve movement of water lettuce, other aquatic plants, and debris into the screening system and to repair a damaged FlexRake. The efforts will result in significantly increased removal efficiency, reduced staff time per harvest event, and reduction of potential staff injuries during harvests events. The project was originally bid for construction in November 2016 but no bids were received. The bid title was revised to emphasize the Project's concrete wall sawing aspect and rebid on December 18, 2016.

During the second bidding cycle, five potential bidders attended a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and two bids were received on January 19, 2017. However, one bidder (Costello Brothers Marine, Inc.) was disqualified for failure to provide a required bid bond. Loren Jock Trucking, Inc. (Loren Jock) submitted a bid for \$232,000. During Stormwater Division's evaluation of the Loren Jock bid, staff noticed that the bidder did not answer several questions on the mandatory bidder information form and therefore, staff was unable to determine the bidder's ability to complete the work in accordance with the contract documents. Purchasing Division made several attempts to contact Loren Jock via email and Federal Express overnight delivery to obtain the missing information. The requested information was not received by the reply deadline set forth in Purchasing Division's communication, nor has the information been submitted to Purchasing Division after the deadline.

FUNDING

For this project, \$420,000 is budgeted and available in Account No. 31524338-066510-16001 (Optional Sales Tax Funds/Public Works/PC Main Relief Canal Upgrade)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board accept staff's determination that Loren Jock's bid is nonresponsive and authorize rejection of the bid and re-advertisement of the Project as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENTS

None

DISTRIBUTION

Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Division
Michael Smykowski, Budget Division
William K. DeBaal, Deputy County Attorney

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2017