



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
BOARD MEMORANDUM**



Date: March 9, 2018
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services
Prepared By: Himanshu H. Mehta, P.E., Managing Director, Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD)
Subject: Request to Approve Agreement with Comtech Systems for Communication Equipment Testing at the IRC Landfill

BACKGROUND:

Comtech Systems, Inc. (Comtech) provides telecommunication systems to the United States military and occasionally has need of local land to conduct tests for the government. Comtech has requested the use of the Indian River County Landfill site to perform such tests. Below is a picture of a typical testing system.



Comtech has offered to pay the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) a land use fee of \$150 per day to allow them to test the equipment up to four (4) times per year over the next two-year period. Typical testing is seven (7) to ten (10) days long. Comtech would setup and remove the testing equipment, and ensure the site is cleaned up before they leave each time. Comtech has stated that no hazardous activity (radiation, chemicals, or fumes) would exist, and they carry a \$2 million liability policy. Their activities are restricted to daylight hours and have no impact to the land.

ANALYSIS:

Staff has reviewed the request with both the County Attorney’s office and the County Risk Manager, and there are no objections to such use. SWDD staff has no objection for allowing this use and recommends approval of the attached use agreement.

FUNDING:

There is no funding requirement for this agreement. SWDD staff will coordinate with Comtech to receive the \$150 per calendar day use fee based on actual days on site. The fee will be transferred to the Indian River County Finance department to add to the SWDD revenue account. It is estimated that with a maximum usage of 40 days per year, the total revenue from this agreement over the next two years would be \$12,000.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Miscellaneous Revenue	411038-369900	\$12,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the SWDD Board review and approve the Entry & Testing Agreement with Comtech Systems, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign on their behalf, once the agreement is reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney, and the necessary insurance requirements submitted to the Purchasing Department.

Attachment:

1. Entry & Testing Agreement with Comtech Systems, Inc.