



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES**

Date: November 17, 2016
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Osprey Marsh One-Year Compliance Maintenance Contract with G.K. Environmental, Inc.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

Over the past year, Indian River County Department of Utilities Services (IRCDUS) has been maintaining and operating the Osprey Marsh Algal Turf Scrubber Facility (OMATS). Part of the maintenance of the facility is the control of exotics and scrub jay friendly landscaping. G.K. Environmental, Inc. (GKE) provided this maintenance service in the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

ANALYSIS:

GKE provided this service in the past under a purchase order agreement under the Continuing Services Contract Agreement for Environmental and Biological Support Services. The subject agreement limited the threshold of purchase orders to \$15,000, which meant services only for 9-months. Therefore, staff requested that GKE prepare a proposal for professional environmental services that includes onsite exotic control, trimming and maintenance of buffer trees and shrubs per U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) guidelines, and the application of polyacrylamide to prevent erosion. Due to a myriad of issues, staff could not bring the subject item to the BCC in a timely manner. The proposal has been provided in accordance with the Continuing Services Contract Agreement for Environmental and Biological Support Services with G.K. Environmental, Inc., dated October 8, 2013. The scope is more specifically described in the attached compliance proposal. The total negotiated cost for the services, which are outlined and separated into three (3) tasks in the proposal, is a lump sum amount of \$18,425.00.

FUNDING:

Funding for the maintenance at Osprey Marsh is available in the Other Contractual Services account within the Utilities Operating Fund. Operating funds are derived from water and sewer sales.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Contractual Services	471-28236-033490	\$18,425.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached proposal authorizing the above-mentioned professional services and for a lump sum amount of \$18,425.00 to G.K. Environmental, Inc.

ATTACHMENT(s):

1. GKE Osprey Marsh Maintenance / Compliance Proposal (2 Pages)