

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION**

**DATE:** January 24, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Award of Bid 2022025 for Duck Head Island Phase 1 Revegetation

**BACKGROUND:**

The Parks and Conservation Resources Division requested the solicitation of bids for the revegetation of approximately 6.7 acres on Duck Head Island. Work will include the provision and installation of native plants to restore transitional grassland/shrub and a portion of the coastal hammock in areas that are dominated by Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, and other exotic species. These species are currently being mechanically removed and treated under a separate contract. Duck Head island is one of the three large islands within the Lost Tree Island Conservation Area (LTICA), for which the County has initiated a habitat enhancement plan. The awarded contractor will have approximately six months to procure the plants to be installed.

**BID RESULTS:**

Advertising Date: December 6, 2021  
 Bid Opening Date: January 12, 2022  
 Broadcast to: 382 Subscribers  
 Bid Documents Obtained by: 22 Vendors  
 Replies: 3 Vendors

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Bid Price</b>
<b>Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC</b>	<b>Arcadia, FL</b>	<b>\$140,073.56</b>
EarthBalance Corporation	North Port, FL	\$190,169.00
Cardno, Inc.	Riverview, FL	\$193,659.00

**ANALYSIS:**

The Parks and Conservation Resources Division has reviewed the bids and made recommendation of award to Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, as the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

**FUNDING:**

In October of 2021, Parks and Conservation Resources staff applied for a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Coastal Partner Initiative (CPI) grant for the July 1, 2022 funding period. If the grant is not awarded in full or part, funds in the amount of \$140,073.56 are available in the Lost Tree Islands Enhancement, Restoration & Public Facilities/Trails/Boardwalk account in the Optional Sales Tax fund (31521072-066510-20001).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board award Bid 2022025 to Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, approve the agreement, and authorize the Chairman to execute it after review and approval of both the agreement and public construction bond by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

**Attachment**

Agreement