

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

DATE: May 5, 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 2022045 for Hallstrom Farmstead Revegetation

BACKGROUND:

On behalf of the Parks and Conservation Resources Division, an Invitation to Bid was issued for the provision and installation of native vegetation within an approximately 10.7-acre portion of the Hallstrom Farmstead Conservation Area (“Hallstrom CA”). The Farmstead is located on Old Dixie Highway, south of Oslo Road.

BID RESULTS:

Advertising Date: March 16, 2022
 Bid Opening Date: April 12, 2022
 Solicitation Broadcast to: 401 Subscribers
 Bid Documents Requested by: 11 Firms
 Pre-Bid Attendance: 1 Firm
 Replies: 2 Firms

Firm	Location	Total Bid
Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC	Arcadia	\$114,989.86
A+ Environmental Restoration, LLC	Arcadia	\$177,457.50

ANALYSIS:

Realizing it may be difficult to obtain some of the specific plants and sizes requested, the bid form enabled the bidders to identify the plants they cannot get, and list the replacement plant they proposed. Unit prices per plant species were all lower on the Sandhill bid than the A+ Environmental Restoration bid.

The invitation to bid provides that, “the County may elect to modify the number of species, and/or the number of plants installed, to meet the general requirements of the project.” In order to get the cost of the revegetation within the available \$75,000 budget, Conservation Lands staff altered the quantities of plants to be awarded, as shown on the following table. Strikethrough text

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indicates plant material requested that was identified as unavailable, with the proposed replacement plant also listed.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Size	# of Plants Bid	# of Plants Award	Unit Price Bid	Total Installed Price as Awarded
<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i> <i>Ximenia americana</i>	Wild Lime Hog plum	3G	273	0	\$18.26	\$0.00
<i>Serenoa repens</i>	Saw palmetto	1G	455	500	\$6.58	\$3,290.00
<i>Sideroxylon foetidissium</i> <i>Sideroxylon tenax</i>	Mastic Tough buckthorn	3G	273	0	\$22.66	\$0.00
<i>Lyonia ferruginea</i> <i>Asimina ovovata</i>	Rusty lyonia Flag pawpaw	3G	182	91	\$18.26	\$1,661.66
<i>Vaccinium myrsinites</i>	Shiny blueberry	1G	182	100	\$7.50	\$750.00
<i>Hypericum tenuifolium</i>	St. John's wort	1G	91	91	\$5.68	\$516.88
<i>Garberia hertophylla</i>	Garberia	1G	91	91	\$6.28	\$571.48
<i>Bejaria racemosa</i>	Tar flower	1G	182	100	\$6.90	\$690.00
<i>Conradina grandiflora</i>	Pineland mint	1G	91	91	\$5.50	\$500.50
<i>Vaccinium darrowii</i>	Blueberry	3G	485	100	\$18.26	\$1,826.00
<i>Zamia integrifolia</i>	Coontie	3G	485	0	\$18.26	\$0.00
<i>Piloblephis rigida</i>	Pennyroyal	1G	485	200	\$5.58	\$1,116.00
<i>Geobalanus oblongifolius</i> <i>Geobalanus oblongifolius</i>	Gopher apple	1G (4")	1000 2427	1000	\$7.48	\$7,480.00
<i>Dyschoriste oblongifolia</i> <i>Geobalanus oblongifolius</i>	Oblongleaf Twinflower Gopher apple	1G	1427 2427	0	\$5.68	\$0.00
<i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i>	Golden aster	1G	290	290	\$7.10	\$2,059.00
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly milkweed	1G	485	485	\$5.58	\$2,706.30
<i>Palafoxia feayi</i>	Palafox	1G	485	485	\$7.10	\$3,443.50
<i>Aristida stricta</i>	Wiregrass	1G	1456	1456	\$4.58	\$6,668.48
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	Prickly pear cactus	1G	1942	2000	\$5.10	\$10,200.00
<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	Dune sunflower	1G	971	800	\$4.58	\$3,664.00
<i>Gallardia pulchella</i>	Blanket flower	1G	485	400	\$4.58	\$1,832.00
Plant materials total						\$48,975.80
Mobilization						\$7,104.00
Miscellaneous Materials						\$500.00
90-Day Maintenance						\$18,234.00
Total award						\$74,813.80

Because more than one bid was received, staff is not able to negotiate with the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder until after award. Because the reduced quantity may result in a lower cost for 90-day warranty maintenance, staff recommends the Board award the project to

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Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC for a not to exceed price of \$75,000, and authorize the Interim Parks and Recreation Director, or her designee, to negotiate the final quantities of listed plants to maximize the amount of revegetation that can be completed.

Sandhill is completing similar planting work at both the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area and Duck Head Island.

FUNDING:

Funds for the plants and installation, in the amount of \$75,000, is budgeted and available in the Tree Ordinance Fund/Parks/Landscape Materials/Hallstrom Farmstead Conservation Area Project account, number 11721072-035340-19027.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Tree Ord/Parks/Landscape Materials/Hallstrom Farmstead Conservation Area	11721072-035340-19027	\$75,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board Award bid 2022045 to Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, authorize the Chairman to sign the sample agreement after approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency, and authorize the Parks and Recreation Division to coordinate with the contractor to maximize the plant coverage possible under the bid and below the \$75,000 not to exceed award.

ATTACHMENT

Sample Agreement