

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

DATE: April 3, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Bid 2023032 for Earman Island Phase IV Revegetation

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Division requested the solicitation of bids for the revegetation of approximately 13 acres of Earman Island. Work will include installation of transitional grassland/shrub, and a portion of the coastal hammock, in areas that had been dominated by Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, and other exotic species, which have been recently removed. Earman 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: February 24, 2023
 Bid Opening Date: March 24, 2023
 Broadcast to: 435 Subscribers
 Bid Documents Obtained by: 18 Vendors
 Replies: 3 Vendors

Firm	Location	Total Bid Price
Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC	Arcadia, FL	\$258,353.18*
EarthBalance Corporation	St. Cloud, FL	\$298,835.00
HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company	Orlando, FL	\$375,042.71

*Denotes multiplication errors in submitted bid corrected

ANALYSIS:

The Parks and Recreation Division has reviewed the bids and made recommendation of award to Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, as the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. Sandhill has recently completed the Duck Head Island Phase 1 Revegetation project, which is also located in the LTICA.

The bid submitted by EarthBalance did not provide pricing, or recommendation for substitute plants, for two species they indicated were not available. Their total bid price reflects a total of 3,590 fewer plants than the other two bids, or ten percent less than the anticipated total of 37,389 plants.

FUNDING:

Funds in the amount of \$258,353.18 are available in the Lost Tree Islands Enhancement, Restoration & Public Facilities/Trails/Boardwalk account in the Optional Sales Tax fund (31521072-066510-20001). This amount includes a \$65,000 grant from the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP), approved by the Board on July 12, 2022.

Account	Description	Available
31521072-066510-20001	Lost Tree Islands Enhancement, Restoration & Public Facilities/Trails/ Boardwalk	\$258,353.18

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board award bid 2023032 to Sandhill Environmental, in the amount of \$258,353.18, approve the agreement, and authorize the Chairman to execute it after approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency, and receipt and approval of the required public construction bond. So long as there are no changes in the dollar amount, upon satisfactory completion of the work set forth in the agreement, staff is directed to make final payment and release any retainage to Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, after review and approval by the Purchasing Manager and County Attorney.

Attachment

Agreement