# INDIAN RIVER COUNTY OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET PURCHASING DIVISION

**DATE:** August 8, 2023

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** John Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**FROM:** Shelby Ball, Purchasing Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Final Ranking of Firms and Authorization to Negotiate – RFQ 2023051 for

Engineering and Biological Support Services for Sector 4 Dune

Renourishment Project

### **BACKGROUND:**

On behalf of the Coastal Division, and in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statute (Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act), statements of qualifications ("SOQs") were requested from qualified firms to provide professional services in the disciplines of Coastal Engineering and Biological Support Services for the County's Sector 4 Dune Restoration Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

A selection committee, comprised of Rich Szpyrka, Public Works Director, Kirstin Leiendecker, Asst. Public Works Director, Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager, Steven Hitt, Principal Environmental Planner, and Wendy Swindell, Conservation Lands Manager, independently reviewed, scored, and ranked the received SOQs in accordance with FS 287.055, the RFQ, and the Purchasing Manual.

All four submitting firms were invited to participate in discussions, and at the conclusion of the discussions, a final selection committee meeting was held, during which each committee member read their overall ranking of firms, and a final ranking determined. The final ranking established by the committee is:

- 1. Coastal Technology Corporation
- 2. Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC
- 3. Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering, LLC
- 4. Geosyntec Consultants, Inc

Staff is prepared to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm and bring the final agreement to the Board at a meeting in the near future.

#### **FUNDING:**

Funding for these services will come from the Coastal Engineering Fund/Hurricane Ian – Sector 4 Account and the Coastal Engineering Fund/Storm Nicole – Sector 4 Account.

Account Number	Account Description	Budget
12814472-066515-22601	Coastal Engineering Fund/CIP/Hurricane Ian – Sector 4	TBD
12814472-066515-23007	Coastal Engineering Fund/CIP/Storm Nicole – Sector 4	TBD

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the Committee's final ranking and authorize negotiations with the top ranked firm in accordance with FS 287.055, and the subsequently ranked firms, should negotiations with the top ranked firm fail.