

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Eric Charest, Interim Natural Resources Director

FROM: Quintin Bergman, Coastal Resource Manager

SUBJECT: Work Order No. 1 Ecological Associates, Inc.
HCP Sea Turtle Monitoring North and South County

DATE: February 2, 2024

BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

On September 26, 2023, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved a continuing services contract with The Transit Group dba Ecological Associates Inc., (EAI) for environmental and biological support services for a two-year term, through September 26, 2025 with the option for 2 two-year renewals. EAI is the selected consultant for professional environmental services related to the County’s Habitat Conservation Plan for Nesting Sea Turtles (HCP).

The HCP requires the County to coordinate on-going countywide sea turtle nest monitoring with local stakeholders and/or property managers annually from March 1 – October 31.

The proposed Work Order No. 1 provides biological monitoring services relative to sea turtle nest monitoring and reporting along approximately 10 miles of intermittent shoreline from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Range-Monument 17 (R17) to R20 and R68 to the Indian River/St. Lucie County Line (R119). These 10 miles represent the portions of Indian River County’s beaches that are not currently required under a beach construction permit to monitor for sea turtle nesting activity.

Work Order No. 1 services will be performed by the consultant at a fixed rate cost not to exceed \$140,847.80 for sea turtle monitoring and reporting.

FUNDING

Local funding for implementing the County’s HCP is budgeted through the Natural Resources, Coastal Engineering Fund. Funding for Work Order No. 1, in the amount of \$140,847.80 is budgeted and available in Other Professional Services Account No. 12814472-033190-99007.

Account Name	Account No.	Amount
Coastal Engineering/Other Professional Services	12814472-033190-99007	\$140,847.80

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation of staff is for the Board to approve Work Order No. 1 to the contract with Ecological Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$140,847.80, and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

ATTACHEMENT

1. 2024 EAI WO#1 IRC HCP Sea Turtle Monitoring Proposal
2. 2024 EAI WO#1 Agreement Execution

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: February 20, 2024