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Eric Charest
Assistant Director of Natural Resources
Indian River County
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Re: Sector 4 Hurricanes Ian & Nicole Dune Renourishment - Recommendation of Award

Dear Eric,

This is to recommend the County award a construction contract to the apparent lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Dickerson Infrastructure, Inc. dba Dickerson Florida, Inc. (Dickerson) for the Sector 4 Hurricanes Ian & Nicole Dune Restoration Project per their Total Bid (Including Force Account) of \$6,676,566.80 – contingent upon Dickerson meeting other County procurement requirements.

Note that:

- We reviewed Dickerson’s bid and did not identify any exceptions or arithmetic errors.
- Dickerson’s bid is (a) about 11% less than our Opinion of Probable Costs and (b) comparable to the cost of the nourishment of the County’s most recent Sector 3 Dune Restoration Project.
- To evaluate the cost of Dickerson’s bid, a total project cost per cubic yard of Dickerson’s bid was compared to the most recent Sector 3 Dune Restoration Project. The total project cost per cubic yard was calculated by dividing the total bid price (without including the Force Account) by the volume of sand included in the bid which identified a total cost per cubic yard of sand as:
 - \$43.90/cubic yard of sand (\$5,926,556.80/135,000 cubic yards) for Sector 4, and
 - \$42.20/cubic yard of sand (\$11,578,244.36/274,368 cubic yards) for the most recent Sector 3 Project.
- All of the references provided by Dickerson were satisfied with Dickerson’s performance and noted:
 - They were highly satisfied with Dickerson, and would happily work with Dickerson in the future, and
 - Dickerson did a fantastic job, I had zero complaints.
- Dickerson successfully completed the most recent nourishment of the County’s Sector 3 Project.

Based upon our review, Dickerson:

- provided a bid comparable to the OPC and the cost of the Sector 3 Project,
- is a reputable contractor with experience in beach nourishment, and
- appears capable of successfully performing the proposed work.

Based on the above, we recommend the County award a construction contract to Dickerson for this project. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Coastal Tech



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