

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

**DATE:** March 20, 2023

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Final Ranking of Firms and Authorization to Negotiate – RFQ 2023031 for Engineering Consulting Services for Landfill Closure, Landfill Gas System Expansion, and Cell Construction

**BACKGROUND:**

On behalf of the Solid Waste Disposal District, and in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statute (Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act), statements of qualifications (“SOQs”) were requested from qualified engineering firms for design and permitting services for landfill cell closure and construction projects anticipated over the next ten years, as well as landfill gas system expansion design.

**DISCUSSION:**

A selection committee, comprised of Himanshu Mehta, SWDD Managing Director, Ron Jones, SWDD Assistant Managing Director, and Sean Lieske, Utilities Director, independently reviewed, scored, and ranked the received SOQs in accordance with FS 287.055, the RFQ, and the Purchasing Manual.

All three 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 his overall ranking of firms, and a final ranking determined. The final ranking established by the committee is:

1. Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
2. Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
3. Tetra Tech, 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 the design services will be come from the SWDD/Landfill/Engineering Services Account. Work orders for each specific project will be brought before the Board for approval

Account Number	Account Description	Budget
41121734-033130	SWDD/Landfill/Engineering Services	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.