

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

DATE: March 15, 2024

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

FROM: Shelby Ball, Purchasing Specialist

SUBJECT: Second Extensions and Amendments to Disaster Debris Management Services Agreements

BACKGROUND:

On April 21, 2020, the Board awarded RFP 2020025 for Disaster Debris Management Services as may be needed to respond to catastrophic events, such as tropical storms, hurricanes, or tornadoes, to Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (primary), and CrowderGulf Joint Venture, Inc. (secondary). The term of the award was 24 months, with two additional 24-month terms available. On March 8, 2022, the Board approved the First Extensions and Amendments to the Agreements, which expire on April 20, 2024. Both contractors have agreed to execute the second extensions, which will be effective from April 21, 2024, through April 20, 2026.

Changes made effective to the Code of Federal Regulations during the initial term of the agreement require the incorporation of additional clauses to the agreements.

Article 4 of the Agreement allows contractors to submit written notification of its request for a requested price increase, based on the CPI Index (South) for the preceding 12-month period of December to December. CrowderGulf did not request an increase to pricing. Ceres has submitted a request to increase their pricing by 2%, plus a 7.5% increase they believed had been requested and approved in 2022. Neither the County, nor Ceres could find evidence that any request to increase price was submitted by Ceres to the County, and the first extension and amendment did not memorialize any change to contract price. Staff has negotiated a 9.27% increase with Ceres, which is considerably lower than the 19.5% potential increase the contractor could have requested thus far.

FUNDING:

Expenses incurred for work under these agreements are anticipated to be funded through FEMA's reimbursement of CAT A debris expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the Second Extension and Amendment documents and authorize the Chairman to sign them after the County Attorney has approved them as to form and legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENT:

Second Extension and Amendment – Ceres

Second Extension and Amendment - CrowderGulf