

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Blue Sheet No. 20140086**

**ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

A) Concur with the selection of Consultants by the Qualification Selection Committee for RFQ140024 NUISANCE VEGETATION AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM CREEKS AND WATERWAYS IN LEE COUNTY, FL, and authorize staff to negotiate on a project by project basis with the following ten firms for a contract period of three years commencing on March 17, 2014: Deangelo Brothers, Inc. dba Aquagenix; EarthBalance Corporation; Ecosystem Technologies, Inc.; Environmental Restoration Consultants, Inc.; Mettauer Environmental, Inc.; Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC; Thrasher Site Development, Inc.; TSI Disaster Recovery, LLC; Walker Exotic Tree Eradication & Mitigation LLC; and Woods and Wetlands, Inc. (7 out of the 10 firms are local). The anticipated annual amount of the contract is \$1,000,000.

B) Grant the Procurement Director, with County Administration, approval the authority to renew these agreements for 2 additional one-year periods, at the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of Lee County.

C) Authorize Chair to execute agreements upon final negotiations.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Various. Funds will be available within specific project budgets. The following information reflects the projects which provide the majority of funding for this contract: Fund-Unincorporated Area MSTU; Program-Water Resources Projects; Projects-Filter Marsh and BMP Maintenance, Neighborhood Improvement Program, and Clean and Snag Program. Funding for these projects has been planned as part of the Major Maintenance Program and are available in the current year budget.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:**

This item awards a three year contract, commencing March 17, 2014, to 10 professional service firms selected under the competitive solicitation process for Nuisance Vegetation and Debris Removal from Creeks and Waterways in Lee County, and grants County staff the authority to pursue contract negotiations. Approval will provide Lee County with 10 consultants that can provide professional vegetation and debris removal from creeks and waterways, on an as needed basis. Funds are budgeted in the current year budget. For general information the annual spend for these services are estimated at \$1,000,000.

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

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| <b>Departmental Category: Item #9</b> |  | <b>Meeting Date: 3/18/2014</b>  |
| <b>Agenda:</b>                        | <b>Requirement/Purpose: (specify)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Statute<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin Code AC-4-4<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other | <b>Request Initiated Commissioner:</b><br><b>Department: NATURAL RESOURCES</b><br><b>Division: No Divisions</b><br><b>By: Roland Ottolini</b> |

**Background:**  
 Statements of Qualifications were solicited on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for NUISANCE VEGETATION AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM CREEKS AND WATERWAYS IN LEE COUNTY, FL. The deadline for receipt of the Statements of Qualifications was December 16, 2013. A total of 13 Statements of Qualifications were considered at the Qualifications Evaluation Committee meeting held on January 27, 2014. The

**11. Required Review:**

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| <i>Roland Ottolini</i> | <i>Robert Franceschini</i> | <i>Emma Wolf</i> | <i>Peter Winton</i> | <i>Dawn Perry-Lehnert</i> | <i>Doug Meurer</i>    |
| NATURAL RESOURCES      | Purchasing                 | Budget Analyst   | Budget Services     | County Attorney           | Public Works Director |
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**12. Commission Action:**

Qualifications Evaluation Committee consisted of the following staff members: Doug Meurer, Assistant County Manager, Voting Chair; Roland Ottolini, Director Natural Resources; Anura Karuna-Muni, Natural Resources; and, Wanda Wooten, Natural Resources. Based on the information submitted by the Consultants in their Statements of Qualifications, it was the consensus of the Committee to shortlist 10 firms for telephone interviews.

At the committee meeting points were presented and put on record by each committee member with respect to each submittal from all firms. Following the discussions, the consensus of the committee was to invite 10 of the 13 firms for a telephone interview. The chair entertained a motion to approve the 10 firms for a telephone interview and to delegate the authority to conduct these interviews to Procurement with the further authority to present the selection to the Board if no issues were found during the interview process.

Telephone interviews were conducted on February 3, 2014 with the "short list" firms, it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend to the Board the selection of the 10 firms and request Board approval for staff to commence contract negotiations with the 10 firms as follows: Deangelo Brothers, Inc. dba Aquagenix; EarthBalance Corporation; Ecosystem Technologies, Inc.; Environmental Restoration Consultants, Inc.; Mettauer Environmental, Inc.; Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC; Thrasher Site Development, Inc.; TSI Disaster Recovery, LLC; Walker Exotic Tree Eradication & Mitigation, LLC; and, Woods and Wetlands, Inc.

Per Section 6 of the Contracts Manual for annual-type master contracts, the Board can concur with the selection of consultants and authorize staff to negotiate on a project by project basis within the same blue sheet. This will eliminate the need for an additional blue sheet requesting Board approval of the Agreements.

Funds will be available in specific project budges as well as the following account numbers:  
40313315500 – Filter Marsh and BMP Maintenance  
40851415500 – Neighborhood Improvement Program  
40855815500 – Clean and Snag Program

Attachment: (1) Sample Contract  
(2) Shortlist meeting minutes dated January 27, 2014