



St. Johns River Water Management District

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NOTICE OF DECISION TO REJECT ALL RESPONSES

DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: All Respondents

FROM: LaDonna Johnson, Associate Procurement Specialist, Office
of Financial Services

SUBJECT: Notice of Decision to Reject All Responses

Regarding Request for Qualifications 38578 – Mechanical Vegetation Services w/ Operator, the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) has decided to reject all responses and cancel the solicitation. The Notice of Intended Decision previously issued on June 1, 2023, is hereby withdrawn. Notice is also given that the District intends to re-solicit for these services.

Upon further evaluation of the solicitation material and process, the District discovered that the advertisement of the solicitation process was not consistent with prior established protocol. In addition, management has elected to change the terms of the resulting contracts to align with the Districts Fiscal year.

In the solicitation materials, the District reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all responses and cancel the Request for Qualifications when it determines that award of the agreement is not in its best interest. Due to the manner in which the solicitation was advertised and the desire to revise the terms of the resulting contracts, it is not in the best interest of the District to award the contract contemplated in this Request for Qualifications. Accordingly, all responses are rejected. The solicitation materials will be revised, and the contract re-advertised at a later date.

If you have any questions or comments based on the above decision, please contact LaDonna Johnson at (386) 329-4592 or ljohnson@sjrwmd.com.

Enclosures

Attachment 1 — Notice of Rights

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Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code, any person adversely affected by a District decision or intended decision to award a contract, or to reject all bids, proposals, or qualifications, must file a written Notice of Protest within 72 hours after posting of the decision or intended decision.

Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.004, Fla. Admin. Code, the protester must also file with the District Clerk a Formal Written Protest within ten days after the date the Notice of Protest is filed with the District. The Formal Written Protest must state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Pursuant to §287.042(2)(c), Fla. Stat., any person who files an action protesting the decision or intended decision must post with the District Clerk at the time of filing the Formal Written Protest a bond, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the St. Johns River Water Management District in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the District's estimated contract amount.

No additional time will be added for mailing. All filings must comply with Rule 28-106.104, Fla. Admin. Code, and must be addressed to and received by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida within the prescribed time periods. The District will not accept as filed any electronically transmitted facsimile pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest, or other documents.

The District's acceptance of pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest, Formal Written Protest, or other documents filed by email is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at sjrwmd.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the document being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond will constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Fla. Stat. Mediation under §120.573, Fla. Stat., is not available.