

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



January 19, 2022

Mr. Tim Maslin, Florida Environmental Consulting, Inc. (timm@fl-env.com)

Mr. C.E. Swindell, Jr., Ecotech Consultants, Inc. (ecotech@bellsouth.net)

Notice Regarding Bids 2022016 - Annual Bid to Maintain and Operate the West Regional WWTF Wetlands Systems

Gentlemen,

Bids for the annual maintenance and operation of the West Regional WWTF Wetlands Systems were requested on October 22, 2021 and opened on November 19, 2021. Two bids were received and determined to be initially responsive – Florida Environmental Consulting, Inc. (“FEC”) at an annual bid (including all add/alternates) of \$32,900, and Ecotech Consultants, Inc. (“Ecotech”) with an annual bid (including all add/alternates) of \$36,500.

Although the FDEP operating permit renewal application for the facility was submitted on October 12, 2020, it has not yet been approved. The department’s current contact at FDEP has made several requests for additional information. At this time, we have no estimate on when the permit may be issued, or what operational changes at the facility may be required in it. These potential changes could significantly alter the scope of work necessary to manage the facility, and therefore render the bid pricing submitted inaccurate.

The 60-day period during which bids were required to remain in effect has expired, so no award can be made regarding this bid.

The current agreement with Ecotech to operate and maintain the systems expires on January 31, 2022. The department anticipates issuing a purchase order beginning February 1, 2022 to facilitate completion and submittal of the Annual Report, and to continue maintenance of the system during the interim period. The department is hopeful resolution regarding the FDEP permit will be received soon, and a new scope of work, based on that permit, can be established, and re-solicitation considered at a future date.

Thank you for submitting a bid for this work. My office will keep both firms informed regarding the status of a future solicitation for the operation and maintenance of the system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Hyde".

Jennifer Hyde, NIGP-CPP, CPPO
Purchasing Manager