



St. Johns River Water Management District

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NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION

DATE: September 22, 2023
TO: All Respondents
FROM: LaDonna Johnson, Associate Procurement Specialist
SUBJECT: Notice of Intended Decision

As a result of the Invitation for Bids, 38951, Aerial Herbicide Application, staff will recommend to the District's Governing Board at the regular Governing Board meeting in Palatka on October 10, 2023, that the award be made as follows:

Recommend award of bid to Agricultural Air Services LLC, having submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid.

Attached please find the Bid Tabulation (Attachment 1) and a document entitled "Notice of Rights" (Attachment 2), which describes certain rights you may have in regard to the awarding of this Invitation for Bids. You should pay close attention to the time limitations specified in the Notice of Rights.

If you have any questions or comments based on the above recommendation, please contact me at ljohnson@sjrwmd.com or at 386-329-4592.

Enclosures

Attachment 1 — Bid Tabulation
Attachment 2 — Notice of Rights

ATTACHMENT 1 — BID TABULATION

AERIAL HERBICIDE APPLICATION

RESPONDENT: **Black Creek Aviation, LLC***

Aerial Application of Herbicide – per acre cost	\$ 35.00
Aerial Spot Spray of Herbicide – per hour cost	\$1,450.00
Pre & Post Inspection Surveillance – per hour cost	\$1,450.00
Fuel allocation (% allocated to fuel in per acre spray cost)	5.57%
Fuel allocation (% allocated to fuel in per hour surveillance cost)	13.44%

RESPONDENT: **Coastal Air Services, Inc.***

Aerial Application of Herbicide – per acre cost	\$42.50
Aerial Spot Spray of Herbicide – - per hour cost (BELL 206L)	\$ 2,850.00
Aerial Spot Spray of Herbicide – - per hour cost (BELL 407)	\$ 3,250.00
Pre & Post Inspection Surveillance – per hour cost	\$ 1,750.00
Fuel allocation (% allocated to fuel in per acre spray cost)	8%
Fuel allocation (% allocated to fuel in per hour surveillance cost)	8%

RESPONDENT: **Agricultural Air Services, LLC**

Aerial Application of Herbicide – per acre cost	\$ 55.00
Aerial Spot Spray of Herbicide – per hour cost	\$ 2,950.00
Pre & Post Inspection Surveillance – per hour cost	\$ 1,550.00
Fuel allocation (% allocated to fuel in per acre spray cost)	20%
Fuel allocation (% allocated to fuel in per hour surveillance cost)	20%

*Non-responsive bid (missing required documentation).

ATTACHMENT 2 — NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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 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 sjrwm.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.