

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 2023

Agenda Item:

Estero on the River Non-Native Plant Treatments

Motion to approve award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2023-01, Estero on the River Non-Native Invasive and Nuisance Plant Treatments to Milborne, LLC to provide the services as provided in the contract, at a grand total cost of \$82,317.41.

Also approve a contingency fund amount of \$8,230 (an amount equal to 10% of the total project cost) to cover unforeseen circumstances which may occur.

Authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

Background:

In 2019, the Village of Estero purchased the approximately 32 ac property (part of an overall larger purchase) that is bounded by the Estero River to the north, Corkscrew Road to the south, US 41 to the west and the Seminole Gulf Railway to the east. A location map has been attached.

While the property is in good condition with many native plants, there are also many non-native invasive and nuisance plants on the property.

Description:

The Village of Estero worked with an environmental consultant to prepare a scope of services for removing non-native and invasive nuisance plants from the property.

Following are excerpts from project/bid scope.

- Remove all Florida Invasive Species Council (FISC) listed Category 1 and 2 Exotic Plants.
- Removal of structurally unsound trees within 20-ft of trails, structures, fences, powerlines, and boundary.

- Large bamboo species will not be treated.
- Small bamboo species will be treated.
- Mango trees will not be treated.

The Village of Estero requested bids to perform the non-native invasive and nuisance plant treatments at the Estero on the River property. Bids were received on February 1, 2023. The Village received two bids from qualified contractors.

The action requested completes the competitive bid process by approving award of the bid and accompanying contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Staff has attached firm ownership disclosure of greater than 5% as recommended by the Village Attorney.

Action Requested:

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Process and Timeline:

The Bid requesting sealed/competitive pricing was advertised on January 5, 2023, and two (2) responses were received on February 1, 2023.

The project bid documents, and contract require the contractor to start construction 30-days after notice to proceed (fully executed contract) and the project to be completed within 21 days of the start of the project. The total project will be completed within 51 days of the project's notice to proceed.

Financial Impact:

The financial impact of the proposed project is \$90,547.41. This includes the contract amount plus a 10% contingency.

This project will utilize a portion of the Estero on the River Improvement Project budget of \$2,250,000 included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Projects Fund.

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Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Bid - Milborne, LLC
3. Contract
4. Vendor Disclosure Form