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Item Number: 1.15

MEETING DATE: 02/11/2025

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kris Mangano

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Kris Mangano

SUBJECT:

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - K. MANGANO

Approve Contract with Ceres Environmental Services, dba Environmental & Demolition Services Group, for debris removal and management services, effective from February 11, 2025, through February 11, 2028, in accordance with a local emergency proclamation. The contract will incur no cost to the County unless services are requested and provided. If services are needed, costs may be reimbursable by FEMA in the event of a declared local emergency. The total cost for these services will not exceed \$1,000,000 without further approval from the Board of Supervisors. Authorize Board Chair to execute contract.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

With approval from the Board of Supervisors on April 30, 2024, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on July 8, 2024. After reviewing four proposals, the contract is recommended for award to Ceres Environmental Services.

Approval of this item will establish a competitively bid contract for disaster response and recovery services. The immediate aftermath of an emergency is critical for supporting residents and clearing debris. This contract will help expedite the response and recovery efforts in the event that the damage from a natural or manmade disaster exceeds the County's capacity for debris removal, reduction, and disposal on both public and private properties.

Approval of this item will not incur any cost to the County unless services are requested and provided as

outlined in the contract. In the event of a declared local emergency, costs for these services may be reimbursable by FEMA. The total cost will not exceed \$1,000,000 without further approval from the Board, and payments will be made from the emergency general funds budget. A budget adjustment will be provided if funds are used.

The County's RFP is attached to the proposed contract as Exhibit D, with relevant sections of Ceres' response included as Exhibit E.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

The RFP was released on July 8, 2024 through Open Gov. The County did extensive outreach, publishing notice of the RFP, and emailing vendors that could be interested. The RFP (Project) was viewed 690 times total, downloaded 37 times, with four final submissions.

Four (4) proposals were received. The responses were evaluated by four employees, with references being checked by a fifth employee. Ceres was ranked in first place by all four reviewers.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

No previous contracts.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

101.15.1047.1000.619.250

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the contract and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement with Ceres Environmental Services, dba Environmental & Demolition Services Group, for debris removal and management services.
2. Acknowledge contract will incur no cost unless services are requested and provided, and will be effective from February 11, 2025, through February 11, 2028, following a local emergency proclamation. The total cost will not exceed \$1,000,000.00, without further approval from the Board of Supervisors.

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Approved contract per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ceres Contract Executed by Ceres](#)
[OES RFP Approved 04.30.24 & Released 07.08.2024.](#)
[Fully Executed Contract - CERES 4](#)