

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date:

May 21, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Sue Bartlett

Date: 2026-05-14

Subject: Approval of Emergency Debris Management Services agreement with Crowder-Gulf Joint Venture, Inc., via utilization of the City of Largo RFP #25-P-834 for Emergency Debris Collection and Removal Services.

Presenter(s): Suzanne "Sue" Bartlett, Public Works Director; Michelle Monteclaro, Assistant Public Works Director; and William "Bill" Pickrum, Sanitation & Recycling Division Manager.

Staff Recommendation: Motion to approve and execute the agreement with Crowder-Gulf Joint Venture, Inc., of Mobile, AL, using the City of Largo, competitively procured disaster debris removal contract via "piggybacking" agreement with the City of Largo RFP #25-P-834 for Emergency Debris Collection and Removal Services.

Strategic Themes: Good Governance

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: There is no cost to the City at this time. Costs would only be incurred, should an event occur and services are authorized and rendered per the attached agreement and pricing. The City would utilize the vendor contracted services as we have with previous contracts during events.

Past Action: None

Next Action: None

Attachments: [Exhibit A. Dunedin_Agreement with CrowderGulf re Emergency Debris Management.pdf](#)
[Exhibit B. City of Largo Agreement with Crowder and updated City Pricing.pdf](#)
[Exhibit C. PA Memo Piggyback CrowderGulf Emergency Debris Management.pdf](#)

[Exhibit D. 2026 Pre-Authorization for Disaster Debris Management Sites \(DDMS\).pdf](#)

Background:

In order to be properly prepared for the collections and disposal of debris as a result of a weather-related events (storm, flood, hurricane, etc.), a contract for debris management services should be in place. Having such agreements ready for activation allows the City to provide timely response for recovery operations.

As such, the City is securing debris removal services in preparation for potential disaster events (Exhibit A). Staff plans on utilizing a "piggyback" agreement of an existing competitively procured contract between the City of Largo and Crowder-Gulf Joint Venture, Inc., for debris collection and disposal services. Using the City of Largo contract scope and pricing, improves efficiency and reduces risk and expenses for our City.

The City of Dunedin has historically entered into an interlocal agreement (ILA) with Pinellas County, which we still have in place for monitoring services. However, this year Pinellas County presented the City with an updated debris management interlocal agreement which included a number of changes, such as requiring the City to take responsibility for County and State roads, thereby obligating the City to incur costs and subsequently seek reimbursement for collecting and removing disaster debris from non-City rights-of-way located within the Dunedin municipal boundaries. This revision to the County's ILA represents an unfunded change that is not desirable for the City of Dunedin.

The City of Largo, through a competitive process (RFP #25-P-834), procured debris management services which contains language complying with FEMA eligibility reimbursement requirements. The City Attorney has also reviewed and approved the Largo contract for use via "piggybacking". The contract would be activated only when an event occurs and the need for these services arises. Implementing the pre-event contract will allow the City to serve citizens in a timely manner and to seek reimbursement from FEMA for disaster debris-related collections and disposal, including management of any debris sites (Exhibit A).

For background and reference purposes, attached is the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) pre-authorization letter for available debris sites within the City of Dunedin (Exhibit D). The City determines prioritization, and the need to use these pre-authorized FDEP debris sites depending on the severity of the storm and the extent of debris removal required.

Further, the contractor, Crowder-Gulf Joint Venture, Inc., has agreed to honor the pricing and specifications as awarded by the

City of Largo (Exhibit B).

The City's Purchasing Manager has reviewed the City of Largo bid (Exhibit B) and deemed it suitable for piggybacking (Exhibit C). The City Attorney also reviewed the underlying contract and found the terms consistent for FEMA reimbursement, including the emergency damages language which is a new requirement under current law, and was procured in compliance with the City procurement process.

Tetra Tech, consultant to the Finance Department on FEMA submittals, also reviewed the contract and agrees that it satisfies FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) Field Manual (Chapter 13, Section 5.3) criteria.

As such, staff hereby recommends approval and execution of the contract agreement with Crowder-Gulf Joint Venture, Inc., of Mobile, AL, utilizing the City of Largo, competitively procured disaster debris removal contract via "piggybacking" agreement with the City of Largo RFP #25-P-834 for Emergency Debris Collection and Removal Services, as described herein.