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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION
GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: March 23, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Kathy E. Viehe, Interim General Manager KEV

SUBJECT: Concurrence with the findings of the Bid Protest Appeal Board for GRU Solicitation No. 2015-024

On January 7, 2015, GRU's Utilities Purchasing Department issued Solicitation Number 2015-024, a request for proposal (RFP) for the transportation and beneficial reuse or disposal of dewatered biosolids. Watson C&D, LLC, (hereinafter "Watson") with offices located in Archer, Florida, submitted a timely response to the RFP. On March 9, 2015, GRU Utilities Purchasing provided all RFP respondents with notice of intent to award the contract to the most responsible responsive bidder (GreenTechnologies, LLC) for Solicitation No. 2015-024. On March 16, 2015, Watson provided GRU's Utilities Purchasing Department, with timely written notice of intent to protest the contract award for Solicitation No. 2015-024.

Upon review of Watson's notice of bid protest, the Utilities Purchasing Manager determined that a bid protest hearing was warranted. Pursuant to the Utilities Purchasing Procedures Manual, protests for solicitations which require City Commission approval prior to award shall be heard by a protest appeal board (hereinafter "the Board"). On March 20, 2015, a public hearing occurred.

I have reviewed the Board's findings and recommendations along with all related attachments related to Watson's bid protest. Upon review of the Board's findings, the Board recommended that I deny Watson's bid protest. I concur with the Board's findings.

Pursuant to the Utilities Purchasing Procedures Manual, Watson may appeal my decision by submitting written notice of intent to appeal the decision. In the event that Watson provides notice of intent to appeal, I will schedule the appeal for City Commission review before the next available City Commission meeting.