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### Engineering Services for Water Reclamation Facilities Dewatering Project (NB)

Staff recommends approval of the final ranking of the engineering firms and authorization to negotiate a contract in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA) for engineer design services for the Water Reclamation Facilities Dewatering Project.

GRU currently operates two water reclamation facilities, the Kanapaha Water Reclamation Facility and the Main Street Water Reclamation Facility. These facilities collect wastewater throughout Gainesville and Alachua County and produce aerobically digested Class B biosolids which are beneficially reused via land application at a local agricultural site (Whistling Pines Ranch) through a long term lease. In February 2011, GRU and Alachua County Commission agreed to a consent order to cease application of Class B biosolids at the site by February 21, 2016. All viable alternatives for future reuse of biosolids require dewatering facilities that produce 20% solids to be constructed as well as thickening improvements to existing facilities. These facility improvements will take approximately 3 years to construct. The engineering services provided under this contract will provide design documents, specifications, pilot testing, contract documents, bid package and assistance with permitting dewatering facilities at Kanapaha Water Reclamation Facility.

Utilities Purchasing issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) to 15 engineering firms and posted the request on the GRU web site. Three firms submitted Statements of Qualifications which were evaluated and ranked in accordance with the CCNA. The final ranking is as follows:

CH2MHill, Inc.  
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.  
Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc.

In accordance with the CCNA, staff is recommending initiating contract negotiations with the top-ranked firm. If staff is unable to negotiate an acceptable contract with the top-ranked firm, it may negotiate with the next firm in order of ranking.

The City Commission: 1) approve the ranking of engineering firms in the given order of preference for the engineering design of the Water Reclamation Facilities Dewatering Project; 2) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to initiate contract negotiations with the top ranked firm in accordance with the CCNA; and 3) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute a contract with the top ranked firm, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, in an amount not to exceed budgeted amounts for the project.

Funding for this request is included in the Water/Wastewater Capital Improvements budget.

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