



Legislation Text

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Construction of the Waldo Wastewater Interconnect Project (B)

Staff recommends awarding a contract to Watson Construction to perform construction services for the Waldo Wastewater Interconnect project.

On March 4, 2010, the City Commission authorized GRU to negotiate an Interlocal and wastewater service agreement with the City of Waldo to extend and provide wastewater service to the City of Waldo. The Interlocal Agreement which was executed on February 22, 2011 between the City of Waldo, GRU and Alachua County, authorized GRU to provide wastewater service to Waldo. The service agreement provides the terms and conditions for providing this service and requires GRU to design and construct the force main pipeline from the Point of Connection, as established in the agreement, to GRU's existing Lift Station 6 located on NE 31st Ave.

After GRU constructs all of the capital improvements necessary to receive Waldo's wastewater, Waldo will reimburse GRU a capital facilities charge. The capital improvements include: construction of a force main from the point of connection to Lift Station 6, improvements to Lift Station 6 to serve Waldo, construction of a flow monitoring station (in Waldo), and piping improvements at Lift Station 72. Consistent with GRU's wastewater service extension policy and the Interlocal Agreement, GRU will oversize its force main within the Urban Cluster.

Utilities Purchasing issued an Invitation to Bid to the known companies that perform this type of work. In addition, the bid was posted on GRU's web page and the Mid State Builders Exchange. Fifteen potential bidders attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit. Eleven bids were received, two with a no bid response. A tabulation of the bids received is attached for your information. Any additional purchases for the project will be made in accordance with established Purchasing policies.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract with Watson Construction to perform construction services for the Waldo Wastewater Interconnect Project, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the issuance of a purchase order to Watson Construction for these services in an amount not to exceed \$1,782,848; and 3) authorize staff to procure services, equipment and materials, as required, to complete the project as budgeted, subject to the final appropriation of funds.

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

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