



## Legislation Text

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### **Authorization for the Construction of Addition to the Mosquito Lab (B)**

This item is a request for the City Commission to approve the guaranteed maximum price of \$112,763 for the Demo and Construction of the addition to the Mosquito Lab Addition. Scherer Construction of North Florida, LLC

The City Commission approved a Capital Expense Increment for the purpose of adding 500 square feet to the Mosquito Control Lab. The Mosquito Control staff works in cooperation with scientists from the USDA, the US Navy, the University of Florida, the CDC and others to conduct identification, testing and research. The research capacity is limited by the size of the existing lab facilities which once expanded upon will allow the City to build upon its partnership relationships.

In order to add to the Mosquito Control Lab size it is necessary to enter into contract with a firm that can provide demolition and construction oversight services. The contract period will commence July 18, 2019 and end on October 03, 2019. The scope of work is described in the GMP. Maximum cost to the City of Gainesville is \$112,763.00.

The City has Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contracts with 11 firms. These contracts are available for projects that fall below the construction threshold of \$300,000. The firm was selected based on their local presence and their ability to provide pre-construction architectural services to the City. Being able to work closely with the architect prior to the development of bid documents allowed decisions to be made on what work could be performed by Public Works staff. It is the City's intent wherever possible to perform some of the construction activities such as site preparation, miscellaneous concrete and finishing work to control costs.

It is important to note that no less than 90% of the dollar value of the contract must be delivered through the use of sub-consultant firms; in other words, the CMAR firm must hire other firms (through a bidding process) to perform nearly all of the work. City staff will work closely with the CMAR firm to identify certified minority, women, or service-disabled veteran owned firms, and to ensure that the CMAR solicits bids from firms on the MBE/WBE/SBE/VBE list.

Funding for this project is available in the Public Works Department FY 2019 Operating budget.

The City Commission: 1) approve the project task; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the appropriate construction documents subject to City Attorney approval to form and content.