



Interoffice Memorandum

December 18, 2023

To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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Subject: Approval of Purchase Order M113014, Purchase of Retention Pond Aquatic Weed Control at Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) – Lot A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Purchase Order M113014, Purchase of Retention Pond Aquatic Weed Control at Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) – Lot A, with Sorko Services, in the amount of \$121,374.

PROCUREMENT:

This purchase order provides for emergency services that are required for weed control for the retention ponds while a procurement process is completed. These services address overgrowth in the retention ponds throughout Orange County. The performance period is January 23, 2024 through July 25, 2024.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 1142-072-2902-3816.

APPROVALS:

The Stormwater Management Division concurs with this recommendation.

REMARKS:

Work will consist of weed control for the MSBU. All work will be done in the retention ponds within the boundaries of unincorporated Orange County. The Contractor shall furnish all personnel, equipment, and materials to effectively control the full spectrum of emergent and submersed vascular and non-vascular vegetation to include indigenous and non-indigenous plant species in the specified canals and ditches.

If these services are not provided, the overgrowth will create safety hazards due to drainage issues and flooding for residents and visitors of Orange County. Citizen complaints are being

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received and internal County staff are concerned with the state of these retention ponds in the absence of this maintenance. Likewise, with the absence of a county contractor and no additional qualified staff to treat the ponds, Orange Counties ponds will go untreated causing harm to the vegetation, aquatic species, and may pose a threat to orange county residents.

Emergency quotes were solicited by the Stormwater Management Division and tabulated as follows:

Quoter	Quote Total
Sorko Services	\$121,374
Aquatic Weed Control	No Quote
Bio-Tech Consulting	No Quote

The quote received from Sorko Services is reasonable based on comparison to contracts with similar services with the University of Florida, St. Johns River Water Management District, Osceola County and Seminole County. Staff analysis determined that these entities provided rates that were comparable and reasonable to the services provided by Orange County.