




## Interoffice Memorandum

August 31, 2022

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Ratification of Emergency Purchase Order M108461, Weed Control for Secondary Canals and Ditches

### ACTION REQUESTED:

Ratification of Emergency Purchase Order M108461, Weed Control for Secondary Canals and Ditches, with Aquatic Weed Control, Inc., in the amount of \$417,000.

### PROCUREMENT:

This purchase order provides for emergency services that are required for weed control for secondary canals and ditches while a procurement process is completed. These services address overgrowth in the canals and ditches throughout Orange County for the period of August 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

### FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 1002-072-2906-3816.

### APPROVALS:

The Roads and Drainage Division concurs with this request.

### REMARKS:

These services were being provided under Contract Y21-1047. This contract was recently terminated for default due to performance issues. The projected date of issuance for the replacement solicitation is September 12, 2022.

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 as we are in the rainy season and moving into Hurricane season. Citizen complaints are being received and internal County staff are concerned with the state of these canals in the absence of this maintenance.

This work consists of weed control for secondary canals and ditches. All work will be done in canals and ditches within the boundaries of unincorporated Orange County. The Contractor shall furnish all personnel, equipment, and materials to effectively control the

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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.

Emergency quotes were solicited by the Roads and Drainage Division and are tabulated as follows:

<b>Quote Received</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Aquatic Weed Control, Inc.	\$417,000
NaturChem, Inc.	No Quote
DeAngelo Contracting Services	No Quote
Aero Groundtek	No Quote
Bio-tech Consulting	No Quote
Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc.	No Quote
A & B Aquatics	No Quote

The quote received from Aquatic Weed Control, Inc. is believed to be fair and reasonable due to the current economic environment. In researching other government agency contracts, such as the City of Orlando, Brevard and Seminole Counties, only one active Brevard County contract was found with similar services. However, this contract is not easily comparable as the unit cost is not clearly based on acres, and is instead based on location (e.g. there are three different costs per acre). Their contract also provides additional services that our contract does not (retention ponds and other waterways to include border vegetation).