

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 10, 2020

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Approve a Purchase Order for 2020 FDEP BMA Cell-Wide Biological  
Monitoring Fieldwork  
**Resolution No. 39-2020**

DATE: May 21, 2020

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 39-2020 approving a purchase order to Coastal Eco-Group, Inc. (CEG), in the amount of \$120,047 to complete the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Agreement (BMA) required annual 2020 Palm Beach Island Cell-Wide Biological Monitoring fieldwork, and establishing a biological monitoring fieldwork phase budget of \$130,000.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Coastal Eco-Group, Inc. (CEG), and their sub-consultant, Tetra Tech, Inc., have together performed the majority of the biological monitoring for the Town since 2009. These two (2) firms worked together with FDEP and the BMA participants to develop a biological monitoring program for the BMA that was acceptable to all applicable parties.

The CEG comprehensive scope of work dated May 18, 2020, includes tasks that are required to meet regulatory obligations under the BMA. These tasks include nearshore environmental resources mapping, and both benthic and sedimentation analyses. These activities will be performed within a 90-day extension granted to the contractor by the Town's Purchasing Division in order to complete the required fieldwork under the professional services agreement from RFQ 2014-03. Authorizations for reporting expenditures will occur following the ongoing solicitation for Marine Resource Assessment & Monitoring continuing services (RFQ 2020-15).

Staff is working with FDEP staff to identify any potential State cost-sharing for this regionally beneficial work effort. The Town has been successful in previous years with obtaining State cost-sharing for annual required biological monitoring work.

## **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

The Coastal Protection Fund includes sufficient funds to accomplish CEG's May 18, 2020 annual BMA required scope of work proposal.

### **PURCHASING REVIEW**

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division and approved as recommended. Purchasing is currently soliciting a new contract for this commodity as a re-bid.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

This proposed Resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

### **Attachments**

cc: Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance  
Robert Weber, Coastal Program Manager  
Dean Mealy, Purchasing Manager