

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 12, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Jane LeClainche, CPA Finance Director

FROM: Dean Mealy, II Town Purchasing Manager

RE: Approving a purchase order to Coastal Eco-Group, Inc. (CEG), in the amount of \$129,389 to complete the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Mid-Town regulatory required biological monitoring and 2022 BMA Cell-Wide Monitoring Reporting and establish a monitoring and reporting phase budget of \$142,000 - **Resolution No. 046-2022**

DATE: March 30, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 046-2022 approving a purchase order to Coastal Eco-Group, Inc. (CEG), in the amount of \$129,389 to complete the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Mid-Town regulatory required biological monitoring and 2022 BMA Cell-Wide Monitoring Reporting and establish a monitoring and reporting phase budget of \$142,000.

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 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 2022 CEG tasks include nearshore environmental resources mapping, and both benthic and sedimentation analyses, to satisfy post-construction regulatory requirements for the Mid-Town Beach Nourishment Project, as well as the overall BMA reporting of Town-wide biological monitoring data. This includes the overall reporting of data that is to be collected by Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE). CPE and CEG both have Professional Services Agreements with the Town to perform these services. Like CEG, CPE staff have experience with the various monitoring efforts associated with the BMA. However, the BMA reporting has been exclusively performed by CEG and having CEG continue this task is helpful to the regulatory agencies for consistency and presentation.

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 the annual regulatory required scope of work as proposed by both CEG and Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC.

USER DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE

This item has been reviewed by the Public Works Department and is approved as recommended.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.