

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 12, 2022

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Jane Le Clainche, CPA Finance Director

FROM: Dean Mealy II, CPPO, Town Purchasing Manager

RE: Approving a purchase order to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE), in the amount of \$152,621 to complete the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Agreement (BMA) required 2022 Palm Beach Island Cell-Wide Biological Monitoring, and establish a monitoring and reporting phase budget of \$168,000.- **Resolution No. 044-2022**

DATE: March 30, 2022

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 044-2022 approving a purchase order to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE), in the amount of \$152,621 to complete the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Agreement (BMA) required 2022 Palm Beach Island Cell-Wide Biological Monitoring, and establish a monitoring and reporting phase budget of \$168,000.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

CPE is one of two firms that have professional services agreements from RFQ 2020-15. CPE and Coastal Eco-Group will be performing all of the State and Federal regulatory required biological monitoring to satisfy the obligations under the FDEP Beach Management Agreement and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits.

The CPE comprehensive scope of work, dated March 16, 2022, includes the BMA required tasks. These tasks include aerial delineation of hardbottom, nearshore environmental resources edge mapping, and both benthic and sedimentation data collection and analyses. Project-related monitoring will be performed by Coastal Eco-Group, Inc. The work and reporting by CPE will be done together with the additional biological monitoring by CEG.

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 CPE and Coastal Eco-Group, Inc.

**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.