

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: July 11, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

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

FROM: Dean Mealy II, CPPO, Town Purchasing Manager

RE: Approve a Purchase Order for 2023 FDEP BMA Cell-Wide Annual Biological Monitoring to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE), **Resolution No. 82-2023**

DATE: June 20, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 082-2023 approving a purchase order to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE), in the amount of \$162,996.10 to complete the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Agreement (BMA) required 2023 Palm Beach Island Cell-Wide Biological Monitoring and establish a monitoring and reporting phase budget of \$178,000.

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 May 22, 2023, 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.

PROCUREMENT REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Procurement and Contract Management Division and approved as recommended.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

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