

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: January 14, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Robert Miracle, CPA Deputy Town Manager, Finance and Administration

FROM: Dean Mealy, II NIGP-CPP, CPPO Town Procurement and Contract Manager

RE: Resolution approving an award to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC in a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$208,230 for professional services for Conducting Surveys for Queen Conch within Borrow Areas NBA1, NBA2, and NBA3

DATE: January 6, 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council approve Resolution No. 009-2025 approving an award to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC in a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$208,230 for professional services to conduct surveys for queen conch within borrow areas NBA1, NBA2, and NBA.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND

Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE) was awarded as a prequalified engineering firm for Coastal Engineering Services by Resolution No. 05-2020 on February 11, 2020. The request by the Town to provide professional survey services follows under the scope of this contract.

Over the last year, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has listed the Queen Conch as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Unfortunately, this was premature because the requirements for identifying and mitigating for the queen conch have not been clearly defined. Subsequently, the Corps of Engineers has faced potential delays in federal projects that include dredging and filling in areas that might be Queen Conch habitat. A Queen Conch survey for the borrow sites for the Federally authorized Mid-Town project is required. To expedite the process and avoid any additional delays in the Mid-Town Beach Nourishment project, Town staff is proposing this work be completed by Coastal Protection Engineering immediately.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this service will be from the Coastal Program.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

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