



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00292**

**Agenda Date: 6/27/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Purchase order to FL Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services in the amount of \$78,750.00, for purchase 375,000 1st Generation Improved Containerized Longleaf Pine Seedlings, for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation & Management Program**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Purchase Order.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the issuance of a Purchase Order 2023-1967 to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of \$78,750, for the purchase 375,000 1st Generation Improved Containerized Longleaf Pine Seedlings, for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation and Management Program.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

There are sufficient funds in the Environmental Protection budget to cover this expense.

Accounts:

021.41.4160.537.46.00, Project#6214104 Land Management -Lochloosa Slough - Resource Management - \$49,560

021.41.4160.537.46.00, Project #6214104, Land Management - Bee Tree Creek -Resource Management - \$27,300

400.41.4160.537.46.00 Balu Forest - \$1,890

**Strategic Guide:**

Environment

**Background:**

Purchasing these seedlings is to begin the process of ecosystem restoration via planting of longleaf pine on two preserves; Bee Tree Creek and Lochloosa Slough, for areas that were clearcut harvested prior to county acquisition. The third preserve where these seedlings will be

used is for Balu Forest, where there was a wildfire in May of 2020 that reduced the existing pine overstory.

This purchase is exempt from the County's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Section 22.3-302(12) of the Alachua County Procurement Code, Procurement of Supplies or Services under Contract with federal, state, or municipal governments or any other governmental agency or political subdivision provided the vendor extends the same terms and conditions of the Contract to the County. However, since the dollar amount of the purchase exceeds the purchasing authority of the Procurement Manager, this is being submitted for Board consideration and approval.