



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00899**

**Agenda Date: 10/22/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Agreements for Request for Proposal (RFP) 25-172-MM Annual Vegetation Management for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation Program.**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Agreements with Earth Balance Corporation (14334), Bio-Tech Consulting LLC (14336), Barge Design Solutions, Inc. (14335), in the amount not to exceed (NTE) \$450,000.00 annually, for RFP 25-172-MM Annual Vegetation Management, for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation Program.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreements with Earth Balance Corporation (14334), Bio-Tech Consulting LLC (14336), and Barge Design Solutions, Inc. (14335) for Annual Vegetation Management, for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation Program, NTE \$450,000.00 annually.

**Prior Board Motions:**

August 13, 2024, the Board approved the ranking and authorized staff to negotiate agreements for RFP 25-172-MM Annual Vegetation Management for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation Program. Item 24-00665

**Fiscal Note:**

EPD has sufficient funds available in the departmental budget to cover these expenses in accounts: 001.41.4160.537 and 021.41.4160.537.

**Strategic Guide:**

Environment

**Background:**

These agreements are for the control of terrestrial and aquatic invasive exotic plants on County conservation lands, or other applicable land, within the County of Alachua, Florida. Upland and/or aquatic invasive exotic, or nuisance plant control services, and surveying with personnel and equipment will be provided by the selected contractor(s) on a Contractual basis.

RFP 25-172-MM Annual Vegetation Management was released April 24, 2024. The deadline for receipt of 25-172-MM Annual Vegetation Management was May 29, 2024; five (5) vendors responded.

The project details can be found here:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/70946>