

# Alachua County, FL

## Agenda Item Summary

File #: 25-00159 Agenda Date: 2/25/2025

#### Agenda Item Name:

Award and Agreement with HGS LLC d/b/a RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC (14486) for an Unsolicited Proposal Response (RFP) 25-500-LC Public Private Partnership for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration for Environmental Protection.

#### Presenter:

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#### Description:

Award and Agreement with HGS LLC d/b/a RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC (14486) for RFP 25-500-LC Public Private Partnership for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration, NTE (not to exceed) \$1,100,000.00, for Environmental Protection.

#### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the Award and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement with HGS LLC d/b/a RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC (14486), not to exceed (NTE) \$1,100,000.00, for RFP 25-500-LC Public Private Partnership for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration for Environmental Protection.

#### **Prior Board Motions:**

July 9, 2024, the Board reviewed the unsolicited proposal from RES and directed staff to prepare the RFP for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration Project. Item 24-00598

#### **Fiscal Note:**

Environmental Protection has allocated \$1,500,000.00 in the FY25 departmental budget for this project. \$1,100,000 in grant funding from FDEP and \$400,000 in matching funds from the departmental budget. Additional funding will be contingent on grants, match and legislative appropriations.

Project #3245502 Newnan's Lake Hydrologic Restoration Project Water Conservation Fund: 260.55.5511.537.31.00 \$1,100,000 Stormwater Management Fund: 146.55.5511.537.31.00 \$400,000

### Strategic Guide:

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#### **Background:**

December 2023, the County received an unsolicited proposal from the Professional to conduct a

regional water quality treatment and hydrologic restoration project, which will assist the County in restoring Hatchet Creek and associated wetlands in Hatchet and Little Hatchet Creek sub-basins which will improve water quality conditions in Newnans Lake. The County determined that the unsolicited proposal was sufficient for consideration on a preliminary basis and pursuant to section 255.065(3)(b), Florida Statutes, the County issued Request for Proposal (RFP) 25-500-LC Public Private Partnership for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration, to provide notice of its intent to consider the unsolicited proposal, and to solicit, accept and consider competing proposals for such a project. No competing proposals were received in response to RFP 25-500-LC making Professional's unsolicited proposal the preferred and first ranked proposal in accordance with Section 255.065(5)(c), Florida Statutes, thereby authorizing the County to commence negotiations for a Comprehensive Agreement with the Professional, encompassing therein the development, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the water quality treatment and hydrologic restoration project.

RFP 25-500-LC Public Private Partnership for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration was released July 17, 2024. The deadline for receipt of RFP 25-500-LC Public Private Partnership for Newnans Lake Watershed Restoration was September 18, 2024; no response received.

The project details can be found here:

https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/99579