



Agenda Item Summary

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FDEP Contract No. GC188 to provide petroleum cleanup site management services

Presenter:

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Description:

Board approval is requested for State of Florida Contract No. GC188 for the Local Program Petroleum Restoration Program Contract. Contract No. GC188 is a 5-year renewable contract between Alachua County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to provide petroleum cleanup site management services on behalf of the FDEP in Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Flagler, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam, and Union Counties. GC188 continues without interruption work that was authorized under FDEP Contract GC888, which ends on June 30, 2026.

Recommended Action:

Approve State of Florida Contract No. GC888 for the Local Program Petroleum Restoration Program, and have the Chair sign the 5-year contract as attached.

Prior Board Motions:

The Board approved State of Florida Contract No. GC888 on June 28, 2016 and Amendment No. 1 to GC888 on May 11, 2021 to provide site management services for petroleum cleanup sites in Alachua and seven surrounding counties.

Fiscal Note:

FDEP Contract GC188 period of service is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031. Contract No. GC188 does not specify any changes in compensation to the Alachua County Petroleum Clean-up Program from previous contract GC888. All County costs for performance of this contract will be reimbursed on a month-by-month basis by State of Florida Contract No. GC188 as authorized by individual task assignments. This contract funds 10.3 FTEs (Full Time Equivalent) in the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), including 9.8 FTE professional staff and 0.50 FTE support staff.

Total contract amount: \$1,027,790.00

FDEP Petroleum Cleanup Fund: 201.55.5551.537.xx.xx.

Strategic Guide:

Environment and Conservation

Background:

Alachua County has enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) extending back to the 1980s to provide petroleum contamination site cleanup management services. From the 1980s through 2014, contracts with FDEP limited the service area to facilities within Alachua County. As a result of the long period of service and the quality of service provided, beginning in 2015 the FDEP approached Alachua County on several occasions with offers to expand the program's service area and subsequently increase revenues. On each occasion, Alachua County has agreed to take on the additional work, further strengthening our relationship with the FDEP. At the present time, Alachua County provides petroleum contamination cleanup management services in a nine-county service area.

FDEP Contract No. GC188 is a 5-year contract between Alachua County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), effective 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2031, to provide petroleum contamination site cleanup site management activities on behalf of the FDEP. The contract is renewable for a period of five years. Funding, service area(s), site assignments, and scope of work activities are defined and authorized through Task Assignments which are issued annually by FDEP. Program contracts and associated amendments are presented to the BOCC for approval; annual task assignments and related amendments are approved by the County's Petroleum Programs Manager.