

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SOURCE SELECTION

SUBJECT	Utility Locating Services	DATE POSTED	February 22, 2013 <i>MEL</i>
PURCHASING REPRESENTATIVE	Blair C. Getz, (941)749-3053	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	March 1, 2013 or shortly there after
DEPARTMENT	Financial Management, Purchasing Division	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Delay in services <i>Melissa M. Wendel</i> for
SOURCE RECOMMENDATION	Request for Proposals #12-0641BG	AUTHORIZED BY	Melissa M. Wendel, CPPO Purchasing Official
		DATE	February 12, 2013

ACTION DESIRED

Authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute the Agreement to provide Utility Locating Service on an as needed basis for the Utilities Department with McKim and Creed of Sarasota.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy.)

Manatee County Code of Laws

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

- Sunshine State One Call of Florida (SSOCOF) is a not-for-profit corporation formed by the Florida Legislature with the 1993 adoption of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. Its main purpose is to help prevent damages to underground facilities by administering a statewide notification system that notifies its members where excavation or demolition is scheduled. Member operators are persons or companies who furnish or transport materials (gas, water, sewage) or services (electricity, telephone, cable television, Internet access) using an underground facility. Membership in SSOCOF is mandatory for any entity that owns or operates underground facilities in Florida.

As part of our member obligations, Manatee County is responsible for responding to utility marking requests entered into the Sunshine State One Call of Florida (SSOCOF) system.

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SUMMARY

RESULTS

Authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute the Agreement for Utility locating Services.

ATTACHMENTS: (List in order as attached)

INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS:

Originals: Board Records, McKim & Creed, Inc.; Copies to Blair C. Getz /Purchasing Department; Gus Difonzo, Utilities Department and Sia Mollanazar, Public Works Department.

COST \$200,000.00 estimated for fiscal year 2013

SOURCE (ACCT# & NAME) To be determined by Work Assignment

COMMENTS N/A

**AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS
(ATTACH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT)**

N/A

- The award of this single Agreement will provide Utility Locating Services as required on an as needed basis per Florida Legislatures adoption of the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes, also known as Sunshine State One Call of Florida (SSOCOF).
- **7/8/12 – 7/19/12** the appropriate proposal procedures were followed. The Request for Proposal was posted on DemandStar, the County website, advertised in the Bradenton Herald, Tempo News and provided to the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce for release to its members. Five (5) firms submitted proposals as follows:

McKim & Creed, Inc - Sarasota
Caltrop Corporation - Tampa
The Ash Group, Inc. - Tampa
High Tech Engineering, Inc. – Miami
DRMP, Inc. – Orlando

- **10/18/12** Oral Presentations were conducted. Afterwards, the Committee met to discuss the presenting firms and concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to **request approval to enter into negotiations with McKim & Creed, Inc. of Sarasota**. The vote taken was unanimous.

McKim & Creed Inc., the incumbent firm, was prepared with a presentation that was professionally done and well received by the committee. Their proposal and presentation addressed all of the required information that was asked for in the Request For Proposal. The Committee is confident in this firm's ability to perform at the highest level as we move to this new Agreement.

The Ash Groups presentation was professionally presented to the Committee. This firm is well equipped and the reporting is adequate and easy to process, however the team proposed was not perceived to be as experienced as the other presenting firms.

DRMP, Inc. while well qualified is lacking in local 811 experience which is essential to providing these services as compared to the other presenters.

The remaining respondents listed below, although well qualified, were not selected based on a comparison of capabilities of the selected firms.

Caltrop Corporation - Tampa
High Tech Engineering, Inc. – Miami

- 12/20/12 the County Administrator authorized the Evaluation Committee to enter into negotiations with McKim Creed, Inc. for the Utility locating Services.
- 2/4/13 negotiations concluded resulting in an Agreement and an hourly fee schedule agreeable to all parties; and determined to be fair and reasonable to the Utilities Department.
- The estimated range of cost for the first year of the Agreement is \$200,000.00 and based on past years usage.
- This Agreement will be managed by the Utilities Department.