

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: July 16, 2007

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| Agenda Item: 3 (I) | Prepared By: Rony Joel, Public Works Director Date: July 2, 2007 |
| Agenda Section: Business – Discussion | |
| Subject: Award of Contract for Marco River Water Line | Department: Marco Island Utilities |

BACKGROUND:

City Council is asked to consider an award of a contract for installation of a new water supply pipe line under the Marco River.

On January 22, 2007, City Council received a presentation on the status of the existing raw water line leak under the Marco River. This line provides the majority of the drinking water supply to the island. At that time, staff advised the City Council that a leak exists in the water line and that temporary measures were being utilized to stop the leak. Since the initial repair, the repair did not hold and another attempt at stopping the leak was required. This most recent repair is tenuous and of great concern to the staff.

The design of a new pipeline has been completed and a new HDPE 30 inch (outside diameter) pipe will be drilled under the river and the existing pipe line will be abandoned in place.


The Akerman Construction Company, Inc. is currently under contract with the City and Collier County for construction near this location and has agreed to perform the above work under the Collier County Contract 06-3996R rates. In addition to competitively obtained unit pricing, the City will save considerable costs on mobilization as the majority of the equipment and manpower is already on site.

The design engineering cost estimate for construction of this new pipeline is \$ 2,129,000. Staff has negotiated a lump sum price of \$ 1,426,047.90.

City staff is of the opinion that the installation of the new pipe is an emergency condition and piggy-backing on the Collier County contract and taking advantage of the contractor's previous mobilization will result in a much better total price than could be obtained by a new competitive bid, and will reduce the lead-time for the project by as much as 6 months. Funding for the project will come from the CIP line item representing the Water Line under the River.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Waive the competitive bidding process due to the emergency conditions and the availability of a Collier County Contract. Award of Contract to Akerman Construction Company, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for water pipe installation under the Marco River for a lump sum of \$ 1,426,047.90.

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| Council Action: Motion by: | Second by: |