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Subject: Your policy exception has been approved.
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 5:27:18 PM

Your policy exception has been **approved**.

Approval Comments: drobinson@ocalafl.org

The department is approved to piggyback the contract awarded to Muscat Painting by the City of Sarasota, Contract No. ITB 23-11JS, for the provision of traffic signal and street light painting services. These services were competitively solicited by the City of Sarasota from 12/13/2022 to 1/17/2023. Bids were received from three (3) bidders and Muscat Painting was found to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Sarasota approved a three-year contract award for a term commencing March 22, 2023. The contract offers two additional one year renewal periods. Muscat Painting has agreed to extend pricing and services to the City of Ocala under the same terms and conditions as Contract No. ITB 23-11JS. This pricing has been found to be fair and reasonable by staff and Procurement. PLEASE ESTABLISH A MUNIS CONTRACT NUMBER AND ISSUE A REQUEST TO CONTRACTING SO THAT A FORMAL PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT CAN BE PREPARED. IF THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES SPENDING MORE THAN \$50,000 BEFORE THE END OF THE INITIAL TERM (MARCH 22, 2026), THEN THIS CONTRACT WILL HAVE TO GO TO COUNCIL. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO USE THE CONTRACT BEYOND THE END OF THE INITIAL TERM, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NEED TO VERIFY RENEWAL OF THE SARASOTA CONTRACT. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS EXCEPTION APPROVAL IS ATTACHED TO THE MUNIS CONTRACT AND CONTRACT REQUEST



Procurement/Contract/P-Card Exception

Select exception type:

Procurement

Reason for procurement exception:

Piggyback Request in Lieu of Bid

Enter a brief description of your exception request:

We have 32 painted traffic signal mast arm locations but we currently have 21 of those that are in need of proper surface prep and repainting to help protect the steel structure and also provide appealing aesthetics. We have made several bid attempts in the last 2 years but have been unsuccessful in finding an experienced, qualified contractor that can handle the job or a qualified contractor who provides a fair price. A qualified experienced

contractor Muscat Painting was discovered and they have offered their current contract with the City of Sarasota that is competitively priced as a piggyback option, and we would like to request permission to piggyback the attached contract with Muscat Painting.

Attach all documents related to the exception that can assist the Contracting Officer's decision.

[OCALA PIGGYBACK AFFIRMATION LETTER.pdf](#)
[23-11JS Contract Agreement_Muscat Painting.pdf](#)
[Packet_for_Bid_23-11JS.pdf](#)

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