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**Subject:** Your policy exception has been approved.  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025 1:17:34 PM

Your policy exception has been **approved**.

**Approval Comments:** [drobinson@ocalafl.org](mailto:drobinson@ocalafl.org)

The department is approved to piggyback the contract awarded to USSI, LLC by Seminole County, Contract No. IFB-604974-25/LAS for the provision of smoke testing and related work on wastewater gravity sewer systems through May 21, 2028. These services were competitively solicited by Seminole County under Invitation to Bid No. 604974-25/LAS. Five vendors responded and USSI, LLC was found to be the lowest responsible. The award was for a three year term through May 21, 2028 and offers two one-year renewal terms. USSI, LLC, has agreed to extend pricing and services to the City of Ocala under the same terms and conditions as Contract No. IFB-604974-25/LAS. This pricing has been found to be fair and reasonable by Water Resources staff. 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 WITH THE VENDOR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE CONTRACT TERM (may 21, 2028), THEN THE CONTRACT NEEDS TO BE PLACED ON A COUNCIL AGENDA. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS EXCEPTION APPROVAL IS ATTACHED TO THE MUNIS CONTRACT, CONTRACT REQUEST, AND AGENDA ITEM (IF ANY).

**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:

The City of Ocala conducts sewer smoke testing as part of its Water Resources Department's efforts to maintain and assess the integrity of its sanitary sewer system. Here's what you should know: Purpose of Smoke Testing Detects leaks, cracks, illegal connections in sewer lines, prevent stormwater infiltration and sewer overflows also Identifies plumbing defects that may allow sewer gases into commercial buildings and residential homes.

Attach all documents related to the

[USSI Annual Piggyback Contract Seminole County 2025-](#)

exception that can assist the Contracting Officer's decision.

[2028 48 pages total.pdf](#)  
[Ocala Steady Pricing Letter Eric 2025.pdf](#)

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**Who authorized requesting this exception?**

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