

From: [City of Ocala - Contracting Officer](#)
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Subject: Your policy exception has been approved.
Date: Monday, May 15, 2023 12:28:23 PM

Your policy exception has been **approved**.

Approval Comments: This contract exception for the purchase of annual corrosion control services under a cooperative purchasing ("piggyback") agreement is approved as best approach. WRS has utilized Evoqua Water Technologies ("Evoqua") for odor and corrosion control services since 2016. The period July 7, 2016 through September 30, 2021 was the result of a competitive solicitation hosted by the City of Ocala where Evoqua was awarded the services over its competitor, Lubrizol Oilfield Solutions. On June 29, 2021, the previous Contracting Officer approved WRS's exception request to continue services with Evoqua under a piggyback agreement utilizing an agreement procured by Manatee County. The City's original piggyback was for an original term from October 1, 2021 through May 21, 2022 and offered one (1) one year renewal term through May 21, 2023. WRS has been notified that the Manatee County program will be expiring effective May 21, 2023. Lee County conducted a competitive solicitation process (RFP170384) on December 13, 2017 for annual odor control and corrosion services under which Evoqua was the sole proposer. The Lee County contract runs for an original term of three years (May 2018-May 2021) and Lee County has exercised three of the three available 1 year renewal periods since that time. It is currently slated to expire May 13, 2024 and the most recent renewal is under the same terms and conditions as the original award. WRS desires to procure continued odor and corrosion control services under a piggyback agreement of the Lee County agreement for the period May 21, 2023 through May 20, 2024. After that time, WRS will explore standardization/sole source options for this service. Evoqua has advised that there will be price increases under the Lee County contract due to unforeseen market and supply chain conditions. Evoqua has provided substantial documentation which confirms that the price increases are supported by the CPI-U, PPI, and US Diesel Sales Price data (GASDESU). THIS CONTRACT EXCEPTION IS APPROVED. PLEASE SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST TO CONTRACTING SO THAT A PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT CAN BE DRAFTED. ATTACH THIS EXCEPTION APPROVAL, ALONG WITH LEE COUNTY'S ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL AGREEMENTS, AND ANY OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION. IF YOUR EXPENDITURE AMOUNT UNDER THIS NEW CONTRACT WILL EXCEED THE \$50,000 AGGREGATE THRESHOLD, PLEASE CALENDAR FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL.

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:

Enclosed find contract from Lee County with amendment's for a piggyback request to continue with our Corrosion and Odor Control Services with Evoqua Water Technology . For years we have taken advantage of Manatee County contracts, but we have been informed that they are looking into single source services with Evoqua Water Technology. Attached you will also find additional documentation on proposed contract value for fiscal year 2023 - 2024. We will like to explore the option of standardization of this services as well feasible.

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

[City of Ocala Bioxide feed rates 5-21-23 to 5-21-24.pdf](#)
[Evoqua Explanation Letter_ 4-27-2023.pdf](#)
[Lee County FL Executed Agreement 5-14-18 - 5-13-21.pdf](#)
[Lee County FL Executed Contract 5-14-21 - 5-13-22.pdf](#)
[Lee County FL Executed Renewal 5-14-22 - 5-13-23.pdf](#)
[Lee County FL Executed Renewal 5-14-23 - 5-13-24 \(002\).pdf](#)

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