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**Subject:** FW: Your policy exception has been approved.  
**Date:** Monday, October 13, 2025 9:08:09 AM  
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Good Morning Laurie,

Could you please create a contract for R&M Service solutions .

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**From:** City of Ocala - Contracting Officer <[noreply@jotform.com](mailto:noreply@jotform.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025 3:29 PM

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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 R&M Service Solutions by the City of Longboat Key, Contract No. IFB 24-091, for the provision of fire hydrant maintenance, repair, and replacement services through January 5, 2028. These services were competitively solicited by Longboat Key under Invitation to Bid No. 24-091. R&M

Service Solutions was the sole bidder. The award was for a three year term from January 6, 2025 through January 5, 2028 and offers two one-year renewal terms. R&M Service Solutions has agreed to extend pricing and services to the City of Ocala under the same terms and conditions as Contract No. IFB 24-091. 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 (JANUARY 5, 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:**

Upon review similar Valve & Hydrant maintenance contracts ,Water resources would like to move forward with piggybacking of R&M solutions contract for the Town of Longboat Key fire hydrant Maintenance, repair and valve services  
Currently Water Resources is under staffed by 22% and cannot keep up with its current workload. Please review and let me know if there are any issues.

[BID DOC IFB 19-091 Fire Hyd Maint Electronic Copy.pdf](#)

[Longboat Key Contract IFB 24-091 Executed 01062025.pdf](#)

[Bid Tab IFB 19-091 Fire Hydrant Maint Repair & Replcmt R&M 974,464.00 08262024.pdf](#)

[Ocala Piggyback Offer LBK Certified 10072025.pdf](#)

[City cost verses contractor cost R&M piggyback.xlsx](#)

[Longboat Key IFB24-091 FIREHYDRANT \(002\).pdf](#)

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

**Department**

(WRS) WATER RESOURCES

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**Who authorized requesting this exception?** Stacey Ferrante