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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>
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Approval Comments: d robinson@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.

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

[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](#)

Department

(WRS) WATER RESOURCES

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Courtesy Copy Email 1kmiller@ocalafl.gov**Courtesy Copy Email 2**rjohnson@ocalafl.gov**Who authorized requesting this exception?**

Stacey Ferrante