



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Hurricane Helene Debris Monitoring Services –
Supplemental Funding – Supplement 5

RFP 24-916

File Reference: 25-014(A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Approve supplement funding (supplement 5) in amount not to exceed \$3.728 million for Hurricane Helene Debris Removal Monitoring Services with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc (GMC). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. AE/ 24-916
Background:	Hurricane Helene passed through Augusta-Richmond (ARC) the last week of September (September 26-27, 2024). The entire ARC service area was severely impacted. Hurricane strength winds caused significant trees and infrastructure damage. Emergency response was initiated immediately utilizing inhouse forces and contract services that are extension of Augusta Engineering Infrastructure Maintenance program. Given the disaster's magnitude, Augusta mobilized CERES and GMC under emergency contract for removal & monitoring of debris from roadways and removal monitoring, simultaneous as required by FEMA for federal reimbursement of such expenses. In addition, Augusta, Georgia initiated a request for proposals (RFP) to select disaster debris removal and monitoring contractors for continuity of services beyond emergency contract period and similar services for future needs. GMC was the selected firm based on RFP evaluation & selection criteria. On January 7, 2025, Augusta Commission awarded the disaster debris monitoring services contract to GMC. GMC's ongoing services under the emergency contract transitioned to this new contract effective January 1, 2025. Funds initial allocation to RFP24-196 contracted services was \$1,271,856.54 and full utilization amount has been reached.
Analysis:	GMC is presently providing hurricane Helene debris removal monitoring & management services under RFP 24-196 contract. Augusta Commission allocated \$1,271,856.54 initially to this contract. Initial allocated amount reached its full utilization and supplement funds addition is warranted for continuity of GMC services. Such services are critical to ensure Augusta gets its hurricane Helene debris removal expenses reimbursed by the FEMA. FEMA requires disaster debris removal shall be monitored and removed

volume documented by a specialized monitoring firm. This supplement (supplement 5) addition brings not to exceed total amount under RFP 24-916 contract to \$5.0 million. With this supplement addition, total allocation for these services will be \$8.728 million (emergency 90-day contract & current contract).

Financial Impact: Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis from FEMA and GEMA.

Alternatives: N/A

Recommendation: Approve supplement funding (supplement 5) in amount not to exceed \$3.728 million for Hurricane Helene Debris Removal Monitoring Services with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc (GMC). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. AE/ 24-916.

Funds are available in the following accounts: (\$3,728,000)– 220-041252-52.21113/814000003-52.121113

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