

CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Rick J. Rudometkin, City Manager
Subject: Recommendation for Award – RFP 2026-02 Emergency Debris Monitoring Services

Background:

The City of Belle Isle has historically used in-house staff to perform emergency debris monitoring and oversight following hurricane and disaster events. Due to increasingly complex FEMA reimbursement and documentation requirements, staff determined it was in the City's best interest to solicit professional debris monitoring services to ensure compliance and improve post-disaster recovery operations for residents.

The City issued RFP 2026-02 for Emergency Debris Monitoring Services and received one responsive proposal from United Freight Services. Staff reviewed the proposal and determined the firm is qualified to provide the City with trained personnel responsible for verifying debris quantities, monitoring contractor performance, documenting eligible debris removal activities, and maintaining FEMA-required records such as load tickets, truck certifications, disposal logs, photographs, and daily operational reports. Staff also contacted other firms that initially expressed interest but did not submit proposals. Those firms cited the unusually high number of active debris monitoring solicitations across Florida and the Southeast, along with existing large contract commitments, as the primary reasons for not participating.

Approval of this recommendation will enhance the City's preparedness for future storm events, support FEMA reimbursement compliance, work hand-in-hand with the selected Debris Hauler, and reduce the operational burden on City staff during emergency response efforts. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council approve the selection of United Freight Services for Emergency Debris Monitoring Services under RFP 2026-02 and authorize the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to negotiate contract language for a three-year agreement, with the finalized contract to be brought back to City Council for final review and approval.

Staff Recommendation: Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council approve the selection of United Freight Services for Emergency Debris Monitoring Services under RFP 2026-02 and authorize the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to negotiate contract language for a three-year agreement, with the finalized contract to be brought back to City Council for final review and approval.

Suggested Motion: **I move to award RFP 2026-02 for Emergency Debris Monitoring Services to United Freight Services and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and prepare a three-year agreement for services, with the final contract to be brought back before the City Council for review and approval.**

Alternatives: I move to reject the proposal received for RFP 2026-02 Emergency Debris Monitoring Services and direct staff to re-advertise and repost the solicitation in an effort to obtain additional competitive proposals.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown
Attachments: RFP Submittal