

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Emergency Clean-Up & Debris Removal (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0015
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for Emergency Clean-Up & Debris Removal with CrowderGulf, LLC (Mobile, AL), Primary Contractor, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Galveston, TX), Secondary Contractor. The contract requires the Contractor to provide services for the emergency clean-up and removal of debris resulting from natural (storms, fallen trees, etc.) or man-made disasters (terrorism, remnants of destroyed buildings, etc.) on an “as needed” basis.

Services provided by the vendor will include, but not limited to:

- Removing debris from public Rights-of-Way or specific locations.
- Transporting the debris to a designated location (the closest licensed inert or landfill site available).
- Disposing of debris in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal is contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor(s).

**Annual Contract History:**

The current five-year contract was awarded on July 26, 2016 (Resolution No. 275-16), to D & J Enterprises, Inc. (Primary) and CrowderGulf, LLC (Secondary). The contract was extended for the current contractors through August 31, 2022, to allow for the re-advertisement and award of a new contract.

**RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:**

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, DemandStar and Georgia Procurement Registry on December 29, 2021. This RFP has been advertised, opened, and evaluated. Eight (8) proposals were received on February 11, 2022.

**CrowderGulf, LLC (Mobile, AL)  
DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Galveston, TX)**

TFR Enterprises, Inc. (Leander, TX)  
D & J Enterprises, Inc. (Auburn, AL)  
Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (Sarasota, FL)  
KDF Enterprises, LLC (Springville, AL)  
Southern Disaster Recovery (Greenville, SC)  
Custom Tree Care, Inc. (Topeka, KS)

The following events took place after receipt of the proposals:

<b>RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda/Action</b>
Pre-Evaluation	04/8/2022	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and regulations. Project Manager provided overview and expectations of the contracted vendor(s).  Proposals were disbursed to each committee member for review.
1 <sup>st</sup> Evaluation	06/10/2022	Committee discussed each of the eight (8) proposals received. Clarification was needed from six (6) vendors.
Clarification Request	06/24/22	Request for clarification was forwarded to the vendors.
Vendor Response Received	07/01/22	The vendors submitted the requested clarification information, which was forwarded to the Committee.  The Committee indicated they were ready to begin evaluations.
Evaluation Forms Sent	07/12/22	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Forms Received	08/10/22	The last set of evaluation forms were returned to the Purchasing Division.
Evaluation Results	08/12/22	The evaluation results were forwarded to the Committee. The Committee was asked to confirm if they wished to meet and discuss the evaluations or if they were ready to vote. The Committee indicated they were ready to vote.
Award Recommendation	08/16/22	The evaluation committee recommended award to CrowderGulf, LLC (Primary) and DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Secondary) by a majority vote.

**Evaluation Committee:**

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of one (1) representative from Emergency Management & Homeland Security, one (1) representative from Columbus Fire & EMS, and three (3) representatives from Public Works, who served as voting members.

Two (2) representatives from Public Works served as alternate voters.

Two (2) representatives from Public Works served as non-voting advisory members.

**Award Recommendation:**

Based on the final evaluation results, the Committee recommends award by a majority vote to the two highest-ranked vendors, CrowderGulf, LLC (Mobile, AL), Primary Contractor, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Galveston, TX), Secondary Contractor.

**CrowderGulf, LLC (Primary Contractor)**

**Vendor Qualifications/Experience:**

- CrowderGulf is a full-time year-round debris management company with over 50 years of experience in debris management, removal and disposal services.
- CrowderGulf has over 350 pieces of company-owned/leased equipment available for rapid response.
- CrowderGulf is experienced in providing FEMA compliant documentation.
- CrowderGulf provides disaster management services including:

Pre-Planning and Training	Waterway Debris Removal	Demolition
Emergency Road Clearance	Marine Salvage	Dredging
ROW & ROW Debris Removal	Bio-Mass Recycling	Portable Housing
Development & Operation of OMS	Derelict Vehicle and Abandoned Vehicle Removal	Levee Construction
Final Debris Disposal	Removal & Disposal of White Goods & E-Goods	Sonar Scanning
Hazardous Materials Handling	Tree Trimming and Removal (leaners/hangers)	Marine Construction
Technical Disaster Recovery Assistance	Sand Removal, Screening & Breach Restoration	Cellular Tower Construction
Historic Property Preservation	Temporary Ice, Water and Other Consumables	Road and Utility Work
Bulkhead and Pier Replacement Pile Driving	Temporary Power Services/Generators	Land Clearing and Site Prep

- Below are the three most recent events for which CrowderGulf, LLC, has performed similar services:
  - *Hurricane Nicholas (2021)*
    - ✧ **Angleton, TX** (9/23/21-10/15/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, Reduced by Grinding (1) DMS; Monitored by Tetra Tech. [34,157 CY]. Project Value: \$252,768.00.
    - ✧ **Brazoria County, TX** (9/28/21-10/28/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, Reduced by Grinding (1) DMS Monitored by Rostan/Haul Pass. [58,197 CY]. Project Value: \$807,087.00.
    - ✧ **Brazoria, TX** (10/4/21-10/15/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, Reduced by Grinding (1) DMS Monitored by Tetra Tech. [5,906 CY]. Project Value: \$79,736.00.

- ✧ **Clute, TX** (9/27/21-10/18/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, Reduced by Grinding (1) DMS Self-Monitored. [LS CY]. Project Value: \$11,900.00.
  - ✧ **Lake Jackson, TX** (9/27/21-10/16/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, C&D (Direct), Reduced by Grinding (1) DMS Monitored by Thompson. [75,882 CY]. Project Value: \$601,744.00.
  - ✧ **West Columbia, TX** (9/27/21-10/16/21) – Reduced and disposed: TOW Veg hauling to grind site (Waste Water Treatment Plant facility) Monitored by Witt Obrien's. [LS CY]. Project Value: \$74,800.00.
- *Hurricane Ida (2021)*
    - ✧ **Audubon Nature Institute, LA** (8/31/21-10/23/21) – Removed and disposed: Push Veg, hangers, leaners Specialty Tree Removal: Monitored by Tetra Tech. [19,409 CY]. Project Value: \$1,355,429.00.
    - ✧ **Biloxi, MS** (9/27/21-10/13/21) – Removed and disposed: Push Veg, hangers, leaners Specialty Tree Removal: Monitored by Tetra Tech. [LS CY]. Project Value: \$95,200.00.
    - ✧ **Gulfport, MS** (10/11/21-11/06/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg and C&D Direct to FDS Monitored by Tetra Tech (2) DMS. [6,483 CY]. Project Value: \$402,156.00.
    - ✧ **St. John Baptist Parish, LA** (9/27/21-10/13/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, C&D, E-waste, HHW, White Goods, Hanger, Freon Monitored by Tetra Tech (4) DMS. [76,651+ CY]. Project Value: \$18,690,759.00+.
  - *Flooding & Severe Storms (2021)*
    - ✧ **Calcasieu Parish, LA** (6/7/21-8/4/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, C&D, E-waste, White Goods, Freon, Food Waste, Site Management Reduced by Compaction & Grinding (3) DMS, (5) FDS Monitored by Tetra Tech. [5,401 CY]. Project Value: \$222,312.00.
    - ✧ **Lake Charles, LA** (6/8/21-7/28/21) – Removed and disposed: Veg, C&D, E-waste, White Goods, Freon, Site Management Reduced by Compaction & Grinding (3) DMS Sites (3) FDS Sites Monitored by Tetra Tech. [36,678 CY]. Project Value: \$685,582.00.

## **DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Secondary Contractor)**

### **Vendor Qualifications/Experience:**

- DRC Emergency Services' team has over 33 years of experience providing extensive disaster recovery services, environmental services and civil construction to federal, state, and local governments.
- DRC Emergency Services has performed debris operations across the Continental United States and internationally for three decades.
- DRC Emergency Services has managed over 500 debris removal projects, including the removal of 156,400,000 cubic yards of debris.
- DRC Emergency Services provides a variety of services in response to disaster recovery including, but not limited to:

Debris Management	Civil, Heavy, and Recovery Construction	Hazardous Waste Segregation
Demolition	Fire Structural Debris Removal	Environmental Control
Marine Debris, Salvage, and Recovery	Oil Spill Response and Mining	Traffic Control
Vehicle and Vessel Removal and Processing	Right-of-way Maintenance	Tree Trimming and Removal
Technical Assistance and Project Management	Infectious Disease Planning and Response	Emergency Supplies and Support
Temporary Housing, Workforce Housing and Life Support	Beach Restoration	Covid-19 Vaccination Sites and Temporary Hospitals
Construction and Construction Management	Canal Bank Stabilization	
Landfill Management	Drainage Improvement Projects	

- Below are the three most recent events for which DRC Emergency Services, LLC, has performed similar services:
  - *Hurricane Ida (2021)*  
**Louisiana** (82 Temporary Sites; 16,205,415 CY) – Activations: Abita Springs, Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, Baker, Bayou Lafourche Water District, Central, Donaldsonville, East Baton Rouge Parish/City of Baton Rouge, Iberville Parish, Jefferson Parish, LADOTD 61, LADOTD 62, Lafourche Parish, Lafourche School District, Pointe Coupee Parish, Sorrento, Southeast Flood Protection Authority, St. Charles Parish, St. Bernard Parish, St. James Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Gramercy, Lutchet. Project Value: \$255,721,132.00.
  - *Hurricane Zeta (2020)*  
**Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi** (32 Temporary Sites; 2,020,000 CY) – Activations: **Alabama**: Alabama DOT, Clarke County, Dauphin Island, Mobile, Mobile County, Selma, Washington County; **Georgia**: Forsyth County; **Louisiana**: New Orleans, Slidell, St. Charles Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Jefferson Parish, Plaquemines Parish; **Mississippi**: Lucedale, Moss Point, Stone County. Project Value: \$21,743,693.00.
  - *Hurricane Delta (2020)*  
**Louisiana** (9 Temporary Sites; 560,000 CY) – Activations: Acadia Parish, Baker, Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, Lafayette Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Landry Parish, West Feliciana Parish. Project Value: \$7,047,143.00.

The City’s Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110, Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services, governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results have been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds will be available each fiscal year for this ongoing service: Integrated Waste Fund- Public Works - Pine Grove Landfill- Contractual Services; 0207-260-3560-PGRO-6319.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH CROWDERGULF, LLC (MOBILE, AL) PRIMARY CONTRACTOR AND DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC (GALVESTON, TX) SECONDARY CONTRACTOR, TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP & DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS.**

**WHEREAS**, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 22-0015) and eight (8) proposals were received; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposals submitted by CrowderGulf, LLC, and DRC Emergency Services, LLC were deemed most responsive to the RFP; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall be for two years, with an option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month period, if agreeable to both parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an annual contract with CrowderGulf, LLC (Mobile, AL), Primary Contractor and DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Galveston, TX), Secondary Contractor, to provide Emergency Clean-Up & Debris Removal Services on an “as needed” basis. Funds will be available each fiscal year for this ongoing service: Integrated Waste Fund - Public Works - Pine Grove Landfill- Contractual Services; 0207-260-3560-PGRO-6319.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor