

Staff Report

Subject: Ratification of Amendment for Ceres Debris Removal for Hurricane Helene

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Department: Procurement, EMA

Meeting Date: November 5th, 2024

Item Description: Ratification of amendment to increase the Ceres task order/notice to proceed amount for the emergency disaster debris removal services due to Hurricane Helene.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends the Ratification of amendment to increase the Ceres task order/notice to proceed amount for the emergency disaster debris removal services due to Hurricane Helene.

Executive Summary/Background:

Hurricane Helene caused significant damage across Effingham County, leaving extensive debris along roadways, residential areas, and public spaces. In anticipation of such events, the County entered into a pre-event contract with Ceres Environmental Services for disaster debris removal and related emergency services. This contract allows for immediate activation upon approval by the Board of Commissioners, ensuring a swift response to clear roads, restore access to critical infrastructure, and manage public safety concerns. Ceres will assist in clearing hazardous debris and managing the transportation of storm-related materials to designated facilities.

This contract is compliant with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines and ensures proper documentation for potential reimbursement of costs incurred.

This Amendment was approved by Tim Callanan, County Manager, to increase the original task order amount from \$150,000 to \$1,500,000.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the ratification of amendment to increase the original amount from \$150,000 to \$1,500,000 for the disaster debris removal services task order with Ceres Environmental Services.
2. Do not approve ratification

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Purchasing, EMA, County Manager

Funding Source: FEMA

Attachments: Amendment, Task Order, Contract with Amendment