

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Contract Renewal with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Debris Removal Services

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Item Description: Consideration to approve Amendment No. 1 renewing the County's primary Disaster Debris Removal Services contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the contract renewal with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County uses Ceres as its primary contractor for disaster debris removal services. CrowderGulf, LLC serves as the County's secondary resource to provide additional capacity and backup support if needed during a disaster or emergency event.

The original agreement was executed August 1, 2023. The agreement states that no compensation will result from the contract unless an activation task order is approved by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners.

Amendment No. 1 renews the agreement for an additional one-year term beginning August 1, 2026, and expiring July 31, 2027. The amendment also includes updated pricing reflecting a 2.4% CPI adjustment to the previously approved unit pricing.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.
2. Do not approve Amendment No. 1.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: EEMA, Procurement

Funding Source: No compensation will result from the pre-event contract unless an activation change order is approved by the Board of Commissioners in the event of a declared emergency.

Attachments: Contract with Ceres; Ceres Environmental Amendment 1 with Exhibit A - 2026 CPI Adjusted Pricing Schedule