



Memorandum

Meeting Details: April 10, 2024

Prepared For: Mayor & Board of Commissioners

From: Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

Subject: ITB 2023-14 Coastal Groin Restoration Approval

Background

The City of Madeira Beach requested state appropriations for the renourishment of 22 existing beach groins and successfully received a 50% match funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for \$1.75 Million. This grant is set to expire on December 31, 2024, if the job is not complete staff will be able to submit in writing an extension which is typically 6 months. Staff completed the design and placed the plans out for public bid. The bid was advertised on December 27, 2023 and a mandatory pre bid meeting was held at City Hall on January 18, 2024 where 28 people attended including city staff and engineers. When staff requested funding several years ago the total anticipated cost was \$3.5 million.

Bids were publicly opened on February 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM where we received 9 total submittals. Once bids were received staff and the engineers reviewed the bids checking for all requested documents and that the bid tabulation form was completed and calculated correctly. Once the calculations were checked, it was noted that several contractors had miscalculated or did not complete the form.

Staff identified BDI Marine Contractors, Custom Built Marine Contractors Inc, and Speeler Co as the three lowest bidders. Staff then created a reference check questionnaire and called references listed in each submittal. References from BDI Marine Contractors were questionable and information came out about several litigations with the company. Custom Built Marine had several references that were out of service and the others stated they were satisfied with the work completed. Speeler Co had great reviews

from all references listed. After the reference check staff called each contractor in for an interview / meeting to find out a little more about each and ensure that the city selects the most responsive responsible contractor for the job.

After the interviews staff discussed and recommended the Board of Commissioners proceed with Speeler Co to complete the Coastal Groin Restoration project. Speeler Co. has previously worked on the coastal groins during the 2012 / 2013 rehab project and is aware of our coastal conditions. Custom Built Marine has some experience but most experience is on the east coast of Florida and not like our groin project. BDI has several litigations that they did not disclose in their submittal or during the interview process. Staff requested legal advice and the city attorney agreed with staff recommendations to not proceed with BDI.

Fiscal Impact

There is a \$1.75 million grant from FDEP for this project and the remainder will be funded through the CIP.

Recommendation(s)

Staff recommends the City of Madeira Beach proceed with Speeler Co. to complete the Coastal Groin Restoration Project for the amount of \$3,838,677.99.

Attachments

- :- Speeler Submittal, submittal checklist, and Reference questionnaire
- :- Custom Built submittal checklist, and Reference questionnaire
- :- BDI Marine Contractors submittal checklist, and Reference questionnaire
- :- Contractor Bid Tabulation for all submittals
- :- Attorney Legal Opinion on BDI