COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	M. Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 11, 2012	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to authorize a one-year contract extension with Tag Grinding Services for short term debris removal during times of extreme inclement weather or declared county disaster,with said extension to commence October 27, 2012, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract or related documents contingent upon the County Attorney's review.

Background/History/Details:

On October 13, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved Bid #790 for short term debris removal during times of extreme inclement weather or declared county disaster to low bidder, Tag Grinding Services. Subsequently, a one-year contract was signed and has been in effect since October 27, 2011. The contract is set to expire, and staff is requesting a one-year renewal of that contract. Staff recommends renewing the contract for the following reasons: 1) it would take a tremendous amount of time for staff to review the RFP and any exceptions during a time when all effort is required to meet the demands of the Emergency Operations Center project, 2) Tag Grinding Services has been vetted and has a vast response network, 3) training with Tag Grinding has taken place and to repeat this training would require an additional time requirement from EMA staff; 4) the municipalities have accepted the same agreement and taken official action for their use.

During the initial bid, Tag Grinding had the following advantages: 1) references gave them excellent reports, 2) Tag Grinding and one other bidder committed to be on site within four hours of notification, 3) Tag Grinding has significant machinery located in Palmetto, Georgia; 4) Tag Grinding has extensive experience in this type of work and understand FEMA requirements that must be met in order to quality for any federal FEMA grant funds that might be available for a particular emergency, and 5) Tag Grinding has developed a network of subcontractors who they have trained and can call on a needed during an emergency.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's request to authorize a one-year contract extension with Tag Grinding Services for short term debris removal during times of extreme inclement weather or declared county disaster,with said extension to commence October 27, 2012, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract or related documents contingent upon the County Attorney's review.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding is based on the nature and extend of the extreme inclement weather or declared county disaster.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Yes	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Finance - If emergency services are required, funding would be from fund balance. An emergency fund balance of $2M exists.

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To: Ted Burgess, Purchasing Director

From: M. Allen McCullough, Public Safety Director

Date: September 12, 2012

Subject: Short-Term Debris Contract

I have been notified that the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) short-term debris contact is nearing the expiration date. It is my understanding that the possibility exists to extend this contract with the current provider. I am in favor of an extension if the purchasing rules allow for the following reasons:

- The amount of time required to review the RFP and any exceptions would take a tremendous amount of staff time during a time their effort is required to meet the demands of the EOC project.
- The existing provider has been vetted and has a vast response network.
- Training with the current provider has taken place and to repeat this training would require an additional time commitment from EMA staff.
- The municipalities have accepted this same agreement and taken official action for their use.

If the extension of this contract is within the bounds of purchasing and contract rules, I feel that an extension would allow EMA to focus on projects that are very time sensitive and would serve the best interest of all parties involved. Should an RFP be required we are more than willing to commit whatever time is necessary. Please let me know if you need any additional information and if this does move to a consent agenda.

MAM:cf

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To: Jack Krakeel

From: Ted L. Burgess

Date: September 26, 2012

Subject: Annual Contract for Emergency Debris Removal

On October 27, 2011 the county executed a 12-month contract with Tag Grinding Services, Inc. This contingency contract will provide short-term emergency debris clearing from public roadways after a weather-related or other incident. There is no cost to the county unless and until a disaster occurs.

Last fall, the Purchasing Department released Invitation to Bid #790 to secure the contract. With invitations sent directly to 28 vendors, six of them responded. Tag Grinding submitted the lowest bid (Attachment 1). In addition to price, there were a number of reasons that they were a good choice:

- References gave them excellent reports.
- Tag Grinding and one other bidder committed to be on site within four hours of notification, while the rest committed to be on-site in six hours.
- They have a significant amount of machinery located in Palmetto, Georgia.
- They have extensive experience doing this type of work, and understand all FEMA requirements that must be met in order to qualify for any federal FEMA grant funds that might be available for a particular emergency.
- They have developed a network of sub-contractors who they have trained, and can call on as needed to assist in meeting the requirements of an emergency.

Experience has shown that effective debris-clearing involves much more than contracting with a company. County, Fayetteville, Peachtree City, Tyrone, and Tag Grinding employees have worked together to coordinate, plan, and be prepared for an emergency when it strikes. On March 15, Tag Grinding participated in a “tornado exercise,” in which emergency, law enforcement, public works, administration, and other officials from the various jurisdictions discussed and clarified their roles in responding to a disaster.

The current contract will end on October 26. A provision in the agreement would allow us to extend it for an additional year, and Tag Grinding is willing to do so. There would be a number of advantages to doing this. Staff from the county and municipalities have put time and effort into this initiative, and starting over would incur costs. Time investments have been made in securing a good vendor, training and coordinating among the various organizations. These facts make it worthwhile to consider extending the contract, rather than re-bidding it. I support the contract extension.

Attachment

BID #790 SHORT TERM DEBRIS CLEARING

RESPONDENTS:	HOURS FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY	CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. (Sarasota, FL)		NORTH GEORGIA CONCRETE, INC. (Fayetteville, GA)		RHINO SERVICES, LLC. (Palmetto, GA)		WHITE-MEADOWS TREE SERVICE (Sharpsburg, GA)	TAG GRINDING SERVICES, INC. (Daviston, AL)		YOUNG'S GENERAL CONTRACTING INC. (Polar Bluff, MO)	
EQUIPMENT		**HOURLY RATE**	**TOTAL**	**HOURLY RATE**	**TOTAL**	**HOURLY RATE**	**TOTAL**	**HOURLY RATE**	**HOURLY RATE**	**TOTAL**	**HOURLY RATE**	**TOTAL**
Excavator - small	3	$92.00	$276.00	$75.00	$225.00	$115.00	$345.00		$60.00	$180.00	$123.00	$369.00
Excavator - medium	6	$105.00	$630.00	$100.00	$600.00	$145.00	$870.00		$80.00	$480.00	$156.00	$936.00
Excavator - large	4	$125.00	$500.00	$140.00	$560.00	$175.00	$700.00		$115.00	$460.00	$195.00	$780.00
Rubber Track Dozer	5	$125.00	$625.00	$120.00	$600.00	$110.00	$550.00	NON-RESPONSIVE*	$95.00	$475.00	$162.00	$810.00
Rubber Track Loader	3	$85.00	$255.00	$95.00	$285.00	$110.00	$330.00		$95.00	$285.00	$162.00	$486.00
Motor Grader/Motor Patrol	7	$120.00	$840.00	$125.00	$875.00	$90.00	$630.00		$100.00	$700.00	$162.00	$1,134.00
Skid Steer Loader	2	$85.00	$170.00	$55.00	$110.00	$70.00	$140.00		$50.00	$100.00	$110.00	$220.00
Trash Pump – 6” (for flood relief)	3	$119.08	$357.24	$25.00	$75.00	$45.00	$135.00		$30.00	$90.00	$39.00	$117.00
Trash Pump – 8” (for flood relief)	2	$147.26	$294.52	$30.00	$60.00	$65.00	$130.00		$50.00	$100.00	$65.00	$130.00
Trash Pump – 12” (for flood relief)	2	$222.80	$445.60	$60.00	$120.00	$85.00	$170.00		$75.00	$150.00	$110.00	$220.00
Tandem Axle Dump Truck	12	$78.00	$936.00	$72.00	$864.00	$75.00	$900.00		$55.00	$660.00	$110.00	$1,320.00
Single Axle Dump Truck	15	$74.00	$1,110.00	$48.00	$720.00	$65.00	$975.00		$35.00	$525.00	$97.00	$1,455.00
Lighting Unit	20	$18.00	$360.00	$20.00	$400.00	$25.00	$500.00		$25.00	$500.00	$39.00	$780.00
Individual laborers - (non equipment operators)	30	$32.00	$960.00	$46.00	$1,380.00	$40.00	$1,200.00		$30.00	$900.00	$37.00	$1,110.00
Debris Removal Truck - (truck with a hydraulic arc with a claw)	10	$165.00	$1,650.00	$105.00	$1,050.00	$95.00	$950.00		$125.00	$1,250.00	$162.00	$1,620.00
Street Sweeper	25	$95.00	$2,375.00	$40.00	$1,000.00	$50.00	$1,250.00		$50.00	$1,250.00	$100.00	$2,500.00
Chain Saw	50	$3.00	$150.00	$10.00	$500.00	$15.00	$750.00		$10.00	$500.00	$8.00	$400.00
Evaluation Overall Totals		**$11,934.36**		**$9,424.00**		**$10,525.00**			**$8,605.00**		**$14,387.00**	
EQUIPMENT	**TONNAGE FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY**	**TONNAGE RATE**	**TOTAL**	**TONNAGE RATE**	**TOTAL**	**TONNAGE RATE**	**TOTAL**	**TONNAGE RATE**	**TONNAGE RATE**	**TOTAL**	**TONNAGE RATE**	**TOTAL**
Roll Off Container	100	$52.00	$5,200.00	$25.00	$2,500.00	$29.00	$2,900.00		$15.00	$1,500.00	$52.00	$5,200.00
		$17,134.36		**$11,924.00**		**$13,425.00**			**$10,105.00**		**$19,587.00**	

*White-Meadows was determined to be non-responsive. While they submitted a bid, they bid prices on equipment that was not as specified in the Invitation to Bid.

Attachment