

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20020713

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Concur with the selection of Consultants by the Competitive Negotiations Committee for CN-02-18 MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES, and authorize staff to negotiate hourly rates and independent testing cost with the following six (6) selected firms: Allied Engineering & Testing Inc., AMRC – American Management Resources Corp.; Ardaman & Associates Inc.; ACS Geosciences Inc.; GFA International; and Universal Engineering Sciences, for a contract period of two (2) years with the option of renewal for one (1) additional year. Also, authorize Chairman on behalf of the Board to execute the agreements upon final negotiations.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: Pursuant to Lee County Contract Manual approved by the Board on September 25, 2002, the Board is required to approve all Consultant selections.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Provides the County with several consultants on contract that can provide professional services involving field and laboratory tests, evaluations and reports relating to soils and materials at various construction sites in Lee County for projects undertaken by various County departments/divisions.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:

02 Construction & Design
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

C2A

3. MEETING DATE:

07-09-2002

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE **AC-44**
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Public Works
- C. DIVISION Contracts
BY: Jim Lavender, Director

7. BACKGROUND:

Letters of Interest were solicited on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for professional Material Testing Services, for Lee County.

The deadline for receipt of the Letters of Interest was May 30, 2002. A total of six (6) Letters of Interest were considered at the Competitive Negotiations Committee meeting held on June 13, 2002. The Competitive Negotiations Committee consisted of the following staff members: Roland Ottolini, Natural Resources Director, Chairman, Don DeBerry, DOT and Ivan Velez, Utilities.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend to the Board the selection of all six (6) firms and request Board approval for staff to commence contract negotiations with the six (6) firms as follows: Allied Engineering & Testing Inc.; AMRC – American Management Resources Corp.; Ardaman & Associates Inc.; ACS Geosciences Inc.; GFA International; and Universal Engineering Sciences, for a contract period of two (2) years with the option of renewal for one (1) additional year.

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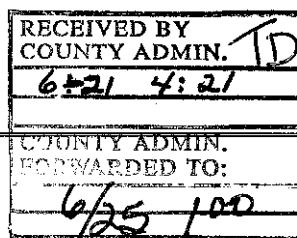
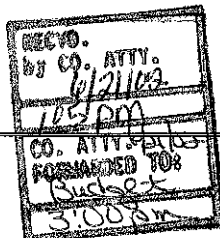
8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
<i>6/30/02</i>	<i>6/14/02</i>	N/A		<i>6/21/02</i>	<i>6/24/02</i>	<i>6/25/02</i>	<i>6/26</i>	<i>6-24-02</i>	<i>6/30/02</i>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



Per Section 6 of the Contracts Manual for annual type master contracts the Board can concur with the selection of consultants and authorize staff to negotiate hourly rates and independent testing cost within the same blue sheet request. This will eliminate the need for an additional blue sheet requesting Board approval of agreements.

Because of the large amount and variety of materials testing services expected to be needed and because many construction projects may required materials testing services during the same period of time, the Committee agreed that the County's interests will be served best by developing Professional Services Agreements with several material testing firms. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Committee to negotiate two year contracts with the six (6) firms to provide materials testing services on a project-by-project basis with work assignments confirmed, authorized and accounted for by the issuance of Purchase Orders.

Funds will be available within specific project budgets.