

NOTICE OF DECISION

DATE: June 13, 2017

TO: All Respondents to RFP2017-005
Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program:
2017-2018 Request for Proposals Category 3: Science and Innovative Technology Projects

FROM: Frank Sakuma, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Notice of Decision

As a result of the above-mentioned Request for Project Proposals, the IRL Council's Board of Directors approved the proposal ranking and project funding as follows (More detailed information is provided in Attachment 1):

1. University of Central Florida
2. Florida Institute of Technology
3. Applied Ecology Inc.
4. Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute

Attached please find the ranking and funded/not-funded document (Attachment 1) and a document entitled "BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION" (Attachment 2), which describes certain rights you may have regarding this decision. You should pay close attention to the time limitations specified in the BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION.

If you have any questions or comments based on the above recommendation, please call me at (772) 742-2858 ext. 101.

Enclosures

Attachment 1 — Final Rankings of Funded and Not-Funded Proposals
Attachment 2 — BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION

ATTACHMENT 1 — FINAL RANKINGS OF FUNDED/NOT-FUNDED PROPOSALS

Funded or Not-Funded	Rank	Applicant	Project	Requested Funding	Cost Share Match	Total Project Cost
Funded	1	University of Central Florida	Developing a Shoreline Restoration Suitability Model, Phase 1: Evaluation of shoreline characteristics in the northern Indian River and Mosquito Lagoon	\$ 41,454.00	\$ 22,489.00	\$ 63,943.00
Funded	2	Florida Institute of Technology	The Efficacy of Sediment Aeration as a Complement to Muck Dredging in the Indian River Lagoon	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 162,000.00
Funded	3	Applied Ecology Inc.	Development of the State of the Indian River Lagoon Web Application (SIRLAP) and Ecological Health Gap Analyses	\$ 42,590.00	\$ 26,372.00	\$ 68,962.00
Funded	4	Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute	Linking Wildlife Health to Ecological Factors in the Heavily Impacted Indian River Lagoon	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 28,513.00	\$ 94,513.00
Not-Funded	5	University of Florida	Leveraging natural selection in bivalves of the northern Indian River Lagoon to enhance water quality and accelerate ecosystem recovery			
Not-Funded	6	Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center	Health effects of biotoxins and toxicants on endangered green sea turtles in the Indian River Lagoon			
Not-Funded	7	Smithsonian Marine Station	Oyster Survival: Developing oyster brood stock that can outlast the outflow			

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Not-Funded	8	Florida Institute of Technology	Mineral Accretion: An environmentally friendly method for promoting the growth of oysters and filter feeding organisms in the Indian River Lagoon			
Not-Funded	9	Florida Institute of Technology	Adaptive Framework for Predicting the Impacts of Climate Change and Urbanization on Water Quality in the Indian River Lagoon			
Not-Funded	10	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University	An adaptive, mobile/static observation network for real-time water quality monitoring and movement tracking in the IRL			
Not-Funded	11	University of Central Florida	Impacts of harmful algal blooms and habitat degradation on Indian River Lagoon sea turtle disease and foraging ecology			
Not-Funded	12	Smithsonian Marine Station	Developing novel DNA sequencing applications to identify harmful algae in the IRL			
Not-Funded	13	Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department	Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control (CMAC) Retrofits for Water Quality in Brevard County			
Not-Funded	14	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute	Using acoustic telemetry to assess habitat use of juvenile Goliath Grouper in mangrove nursery habitats of the Indian River Lagoon			

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Not-Funded	15	Florida Institute of Technology	Predicting the filtering capacity of benthic communities as part of a "Living Dock" in the Indian River Lagoon			
Not-Funded	16	Florida Institute of Technology	Verification and validation of high-resolution numerical wave model predictions in the IRL for planning of coastal restoration / costal development			
Not-Funded	17	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University	The use of community-based indicators in determining environmental health			
Not-Funded	18	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University	Modeling ecosystem dynamics in the Indian River Lagoon and assessing the potential impacts of climate change			
Not-Funded	19	Ocean Research & Conservation Association	Monitoring Pollutants of Concern for Human Health in the Indian River Lagoon			
Not-Funded	20	Florida Institute of Technology	Copepod grazing on harmful algal blooms and the effect of salinity on grazing rates			
Not-Funded	21	Sunergy Power Systems, Inc	Biogeochemical model of St. Lucie West's attainment of on-site TMDL for Total Phosphorus.			

ATTACHMENT 2 — BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION

Bid/RFP Protest Provision - This procedure applies to guide the IRL Council in the resolution of all protests arising from the competitive award procedures set forth in the IRL Council Operating Procedures Manual. The IRL Council required that by submitting a bid/proposal to the IRL Council, bidders agreed to the process set forth in this Section.

- a. Notice of Protest - Notice of all IRL Council decisions or intended decisions shall be by posting to the IRL Council web site. Any person adversely affected by a bid or request for proposal shall file a notice of protest in writing, within two (2) business days from the date on the notice of the decision. A formal written protest shall be filed within five (5) business days after the protesting party files the notice of protest. No time will be added to the above time limits for mail service.
- b. Formal Written Protest - The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. The formal written protest shall be printed or typewritten and contain:
 - i. The name and address of the person or firm filing the protest and an explanation of how they are adversely affected by the IRL Council decision or intended decision;
 - ii. Identification of the procurement matter at issue.
 - iii. A statement when the notice of IRL Council decision or intended decision was posted;
 - iv. A statement of all issues of disputed material fact and, if there are none, a statement so indicating;
 - v. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged;
 - vi. A statement of the applicable law, rule, statute, or other authority upon which the protest is based and which entitle the protestor to relief;
 - vii. A specific demand for relief; and
 - viii. Any other information material to the protest.
- c. Filing Notices of Protest and Formal Protests - All notices of protest and formal protests shall be filed by hand delivery, mail or email with the IRL Council's Executive Director. A protest is not timely filed unless both the written notice of protest and the formal protest have been received by the IRL Council within the prescribed time limits. Filings received after 5:00 pm will be deemed received the next business day. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed by this Section shall constitute a waiver of all claims.
- d. Stay of Award - Upon receipt of a formal written protest which has been timely filed, the bid solicitation or contract award process shall be stayed until the subject of the protest is resolved, unless the IRL Council's Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuation of the solicitation process or the contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare.
- e. Resolution of Formal Protest - Upon the written request of the protestor or on its own initiative, the IRL Council shall provide an opportunity for the protestor to meet with the Executive Director to resolve the protest by mutual agreement within seven (7) business days, excluding holidays, of receipt of a formal written protest. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by

mutual agreement within seven (7) business days, excluding holidays, of receipt of the formal written protest, or a mutually agreed upon extension of time, the Executive Director shall certify in writing to the Board of Directors that there was no resolution and provide the protestor with a copy of the certification.

- f. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Within seven (7) business days from receipt of written certification that there was no resolution, the protestor may provide a written request that the matter be heard before the Board of Directors in a quasi-judicial hearing. Failure to provide a written request to the Board of Directors within seven (7) business days of notice shall constitute waiver of any protest. Upon receipt of a written request, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, request a written response from the Executive Director, and/or schedule the matter for hearing before the Board of Directors. Within seven (7) business days from the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Directors will provide a written final decision on the matter to the protestor.

The protestor may contest the IRL Council's decision in a court of competent jurisdiction in the county court in which the IRL Council's main office is located no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice of the IRL Council's decision, unless otherwise specified within the controlling request for proposal or qualification documents.