



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-964

Agenda Date: October 19, 2023

Department: Transportation

Title: 2023-964 Assign Task Assignment for Construction of NW 53rd Avenue Sidewalk to Blackwater Construction Services, LLC (B)

Department: Transportation

Description: Request for the City Commission to approve a Task Assignment to Blackwater Construction Services, LLC to build a new sidewalk connection with drainage improvements on the west side of NW 53rd Avenue.

Fiscal Note: The current estimate for the project is \$328,237.00 and will be paid from the Transportation Mobility Program Area Fund.

Explanation: In accordance with Section 41-720 of the Procurement Procedure, “A Task Assignment or Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in excess of \$300,000 must be approved by the City Commission.”

On January 28, 2020, the City’s Department of Financial Services - Procurement Division solicited written statements of qualifications to provide citywide sidewalk, trails and minor roadway construction for minor projects (RFQ No. DOMX-200017-SG). On May 7, 2020, City Commission approved the rankings and contracts for six (6) construction firms to create a pool of “Continuing Services Contracts for Citywide Sidewalk, Trails and Minor Roadway Construction” ([Agenda #191138](#)). Blackwater Construction Services LLC was among these companies, signing their contract on August 10, 2020, valid through August 10, 2023. A First Amendment to this agreement, dated April 19, 2023, extends the contract termination date to August 9, 2024.

Upon request from city staff, Blackwater provided a proposal dated April 23, 2023, detailing construction costs to build a new sidewalk connection with drainage improvements on the south side of NW 53rd Avenue, east of NW 21st Street.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☐ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) approve the Task Assignment to Blackwater Construction Services, LLC in an amount of \$328,237.00 and 2) authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute all necessary contract/task assignment documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.