

WITHLACOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
For
REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN UPDATE

The Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA or Authority) is requesting “*Statement of Qualifications*” (SOQ) from consultants interested in providing professional engineering services to complete the project known as the “Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) Update.” Work will require multidisciplinary expertise in addition to engineering, including hydrogeology, planning, environmental systems, and water quality.

The Authority’s RWSP was last updated in 2014. This work effort will include updated water demand projections, evaluation of source options and potential water supply project options. The update of the WRWSA RWSP will include: updating population projections; existing and future water demands for public supply and other water use categories; traditional and alternative water supply availability; regional groundwater modeling; estimates of the amount of future demands that could be offset through enhanced water conservation efforts; reclaimed water availability and potential offsets; and recommendations regarding the WRWSA Regional Framework.

This project is cooperatively funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Firms providing professional services for the project must demonstrate compliance with applicable rules, regulations and policies of the Authority and SWFWMD.

An information packet containing details of the project and the SOQ submittal requirements is available upon request from LuAnne Stout at:

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 228
Lecanto, Florida 34461
352-527-5795
lstout@wrwsa.org

Consultant selection will be in accordance with the Competitive Consultants Negotiation Act. Firms desiring to provide these professional services must submit six (6) paper copies and six (6) electronic copies of their SOQ in accordance with the requirements contained in the information packet to the attention of Richard Owen, Executive Director, at the address listed above no later than 2:00 pm local time, January 26, 2018.

SECTION 27. PUBLIC RECORDS

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (352) 527-5795, RICHARDOWEN@WRWSA.ORG, LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING, 3600 W. SOVEREIGN PATH, SUITE 228, LECANTO FL 34461

The Contractor must comply with Florida's public records laws, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency in order to perform the service.
- B. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

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Bills For Payment
11/15/2017

<u>Administrative Invoices</u>	<u>Invoice Number(s)</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Richard S. Owen, AICP, Executive Director	2017-10	11/1/2017	\$6,871.93
Larry Haag, Attorney	33503	10/27/2017	\$585.00
Diane Salz, Governmental Affairs / Professional Fee	#103117	10/31/2017	\$3,500.00
C. LuAnne Stout, Admin Asst / Admin Services (ofc supply)	10-Oct-2017	11/6/2017	\$3,220.99
Karen Allen / Web Maintenance	#92	11/7/2017	\$87.50
Citrus County BoCC (yearly office lease)	RLEX000293	10/20/2017	\$2,047.68
Sun Trust Business Card Statement	11.2.2017	11/2/2017	\$0.00
Total Administrative Invoices			\$16,313.10

<u>Water Supply Studies and Facilities</u>	<u>Contract/ Budget</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Current Invoice(s)</u>
General Services Contract	\$75,000.00	\$40,000.00	
Work Order 18-01. Water Resource Associates	\$25,000.00	\$23,899.35	
Work Order 18-02. Weber and Associates	\$15,000.00	\$14,468.75	\$531.25 (1)
FY2016-17 Water Conservation Grants Program			
Citrus County	\$36,875.00	\$5,354.03	\$31,520.97 (2)
Hernando County	\$47,500.00	\$4,290.33	\$43,209.67 (3)
Marion County	\$35,245.00	\$35,245.00	
Phase 4 Irrigation Program	\$200,000.00	\$158,666.94	\$3,234.31 (4)
Total Project Invoices	\$434,620.00	\$281,924.40	\$78,496.20

Total Bills to be Paid	\$94,809.30
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State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA2 to SBA1	\$78,496.20
State Board of Administration	Transfer from SBA1 to SunTrust Bank	\$94,809.30

Notes:

- (1) WO 18-02. Weber and Associates \$531.25 Invoice 1
- (2) Citrus Co BoCC - Local Gov't Water Supply Funding Asst Program \$31,520.97 Invoice WCL-2017-04
- (3) Hernando Co Utilities Dept - Local Gov't Water Supply Funding Asst \$43,209.67 Invoice UTY 2017-042 (449-page backup info)
- (4) Phase 4 (N822) - Irrigation Audits
 - Jack Overdorff, ECO Land Design \$3,141.76 Invoice 291
 - C. LuAnne Stout, Administrative Services \$92.55 Invoice 02-N822-2017
 - \$3,234.31

D R A F T -- Revised

Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority 2018 Legislative Issues November 15, 2017

Issue	Type of Change	Further Detail
Support the allocation of state funds that promotes regional partnerships for water resource and supply development through existing statutes and not create additional bureaucracy, or inappropriate funding diversions.	Legislative and Regulatory	Strengthen emphasis on funding regionally significant water projects.
Support enhanced funding for restoration and protection of springs.	Legislative and Water Management Districts	Oppose any diversions away from at least \$50 million annually for springs restoration and protection.
Support funding for the Water Protection and Sustainability Program (SB 444), and funding for implementing the WRWSA Regional Water Supply Plan.	Legislative (section 403.890 and 403.891, F.S.) and Water Management Districts	Emphasis on implementing the WRWSA Regional Water Supply Plan.
Support Senate confirmations of Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Governing Board Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Williamson (Hillsborough) • Mark Taylor (Hernando/Marion) • Bryan Beswick (DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands) • John Henslick (Manatee) • James “Jim” Murphy (Polk) • Joel Schleicher (Charlotte/Sarasota) • Rebecca Smith (Hillsborough/Pinellas) 	Legislative (section 373.073, FS)	SWFWMD Executive Director Brian Armstrong was confirmed in 2017.
Support Senate confirmations of St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Governing Board Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Price (Area 1) • Susan Dolan (At Large) • Douglas Burnett (At Large) • Douglas Bournique (Area 5) 	Legislative (section 373.073, FS)	Janet Price will be confirmed for a 1-year term, and the others for 4-year terms.
Monitor the Constitution Revision Commission for recommendations related to the Land & Water Conservation Constitutional Amendment which will go directly to the voters in 2018.	Every 20 years a commission is appointed to clarify and/or revise Florida’s Constitution.	Continue monitoring through 2018 Legislative Session.
Monitor legislation to be filed to implement Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Reclaimed Water recommendations.	Legislative and Regulatory	Legislation expected to be filed by Senator Wilton Simpson for 2018 Legislative Session.
Support a collaborative approach to water management when there are cross-district impacts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply planning; • Setting Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), Reservations; and • Resource recovery or impact prevention strategies. 	Legislative and Regulatory	Monitor Central Florida Water Initiative for potential statewide impacts.
Monitor efforts to revise the existing surface water classification system or to reclassify surface waters within the region which may limit water resource development opportunities.	Legislative and Regulatory	Continue to monitor rules for the use of surface water for drinking water.
Support ratification of the SJRWMD rule for establishing the minimum flows and levels of Silver Springs.	Legislative and Regulatory	SB 670 (Senator <i>Dennis Baxley R-Ocala</i>)

11/13 WRWSA Bill Tracking Report

Date: Mon, Nov 13, 2017 5:00 pm

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From: **Diane Salz** <noreply@lobbytools.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 4:58 PM

Subject: 11/13 WRWSA Bill Tracking Report

To: salz.govconsultant@gmail.com

2018 Bills (18)

Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Date Foldered
HB 0007	Local Government Fiscal Transparency	Burton	10/10/17	08/29/17 11:45AM
	Local Government Fiscal Transparency: Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post certain voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post certain property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings prior to certain increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing & advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; provides method for local governments that do not operate website to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2018			
	08/23/17 HOUSE Filed			
	08/30/17 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee			
	08/30/17 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee			
	10/03/17 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Ways & Means Committee, 10/10/17, 3:00 pm, 17 H			
	10/10/17 HOUSE Favorable by Ways & Means Committee; 15 Yeas, 4 Nays			
	10/10/17 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading			
HB 0011	Government Accountability	Metz	11/08/17	08/28/17 01:17PM
(S: 354)	Government Accountability: Requires Governor & Commissioner of Education, or their designees, to notify Legislative Auditing Committee of entity's failure to comply with certain auditing & financial reporting requirements; excludes water management districts from certain audit requirements; revises reporting requirements applicable to Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; revises certain lodging rates for purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; provides requirements for statewide travel management system; revises responsibilities of specified entities to include establishment & maintenance of certain internal controls; revises auditing requirements for certain agencies, councils, & state schools; requires the Legislative Auditing Committee to determine whether governmental entity should be subject to state action under certain circumstances; requires counties & municipalities to maintain certain budget documents on entities' websites for specified period; provides annual financial audit requirements for Florida Virtual School. Effective Date: July 1, 2018			
	08/28/17 HOUSE Filed			
	09/06/17 HOUSE Referred to Government Accountability Committee			

09/06/17 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee
 10/31/17 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 11/07/17, 1:30 pm, 17 H
 11/07/17 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 22 Yeas, 1 Nay
 11/07/17 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
 11/08/17 HOUSE Placed on calendar, on 2nd reading

HB 0079 **Public Meetings** Roth 08/30/17 08/24/17 09:53AM

(S: 192) Public Meetings: Specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

08/22/17 HOUSE Filed
 08/30/17 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee
 08/30/17 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

SB 0192 **Public Meetings** Baxley 10/24/17 08/24/17 09:51AM

(S: 79) Public Meetings; Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

08/22/17 SENATE Filed
 08/28/17 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Rules
 10/02/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 10/10/17, 2:00 p.m., 412 K
 10/10/17 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
 10/11/17 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
 10/16/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 10/24/17, 9:00 am, 301 S
 10/24/17 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
 10/24/17 SENATE Now in Rules

HB 0203 **Environmental Regulation Commission** Willhite 11/06/17 10/04/17 07:06PM

(I: 316) Environmental Regulation Commission: Requires Governor to make appointments to fill commission vacancies within certain time frame; requires that specified rules submitted to commission receive certain vote totals for approval or modification. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

09/28/17 HOUSE Filed
 10/03/17 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee
 10/03/17 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee
 10/18/17 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 10/25/17, 9:00 am, 12 H
 10/25/17 HOUSE Favorable by Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
 11/06/17 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

SB 0204 **Land Acquisition Trust Fund** Bradley 10/12/17 08/24/17 09:51AM

Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Revising the specified appropriation for spring restoration, protection, and management projects; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Heights Lake Region, etc.
 APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018
 08/22/17 SENATE Filed
 08/28/17 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations
 09/05/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 09/12/17, 1:30 pm, 37 S

09/06/17 SENATE Meeting Cancelled - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 09/12/17, 1:30 pm, 37 S
10/02/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 10/07/17, 1:00 p.m., 37 S
10/09/17 SENATE Favorable with CS by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/10/17 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
10/12/17 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

SB 0316 **Environmental Regulation Commission** Stewart 11/07/17 09/24/17 09:17AM

(I: 203)

Environmental Regulation Commission; Requiring the Governor to appoint a new member to the commission within a certain timeframe after the occurrence of a vacancy; requiring certain proposed rules submitted to the commission to receive specified vote totals for approval or modification, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

09/21/17 SENATE Filed

10/12/17 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Ethics and Elections; Rules

10/30/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 11/06/17, 1:30 pm, 37 S

11/06/17 SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/07/17 SENATE Now in Ethics and Elections

HB 0339 **Land Acquisition Trust Fund** Harrell 10/26/17 10/20/17 03:39PM

(S: 786)

Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Provides appropriation for certain projects related to Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan; authorizes DEP to make grants for such projects; directs DEP to submit annual report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

10/16/17 HOUSE Filed

10/26/17 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee

10/26/17 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

SB 0354 **Government Accountability** Stargel 11/09/17 09/27/17 10:48AM

(S: 11)

Government Accountability; Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; revising the responsibilities of the Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each public defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the capital collateral regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program, to include the establishment and maintenance of certain internal controls; prohibiting a board or commission from requiring an advance copy of testimony or comments from a member of the public as a precondition to being given the opportunity to be heard at a public meeting, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018

09/27/17 SENATE Filed

10/16/17 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules

10/30/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 11/07/17, 10:00 am, 301 S

11/07/17 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/08/17 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

11/09/17 SENATE Now in Appropriations

SB 0370 **Land Acquisition Trust Fund** Bradley 11/07/17 11/13/17 04:57PM

Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018

09/29/17 SENATE Filed

10/16/17 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations

10/30/17 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 11/06/17, 1:30 pm, 37 S

		11/06/17 SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays		
		11/07/17 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources		
HB 0585 (S: 658)	Tourist Development Tax	Fine	11/08/17	11/11/17 08:33AM
	Tourist Development Tax: Authorizes counties imposing tax to use tax revenues for specified purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2018			
	11/08/17 HOUSE Filed			
HB 0589	Public Meetings	Newton	11/08/17	11/08/17 07:37PM
	Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards and commissions are subject to public meetings requirements; revises public meeting notice requirements; provides that member of public has right to speak at public meeting; requires members of board or commission to respond to questions made at public meetings within a specified timeframe; repeals provision relating to reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018			
	11/08/17 HOUSE Filed			
SB 0658 (S: 585)	Tourist Development Tax	Brandes	11/08/17	11/11/17 08:33AM
	Tourist Development Tax; Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues, under certain circumstances, for specified purposes and costs relating to public facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018			
	10/26/17 SENATE Filed			
	11/08/17 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations			
SB 0670	Ratification of Rules of the St. Johns River Water Management District	Bradley	11/08/17	10/26/17 08:59PM
	Ratification of Rules of the St. Johns River Water Management District; Ratifying a specified rule relating to supplemental regulatory measures for the minimum flows and levels of Silver Springs, designated as an Outstanding Florida Spring under s. 373.802(4), F.S., for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to specified provisions which requires ratification of any rule meeting any specified thresholds of likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law			
	10/26/17 SENATE Filed			
	11/08/17 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Rules			
SB 0806 (L: 808)	Water Management District Surplus Lands	Baxley	11/08/17	11/08/17 12:30PM
	Water Management District Surplus Lands; Revising the circumstances when a water management district must publish its intention to sell surplus lands; revising the process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018			
	11/08/17 SENATE Filed			
SB 0808 (L: 806)	Public Records/Surplus Lands	Baxley	11/08/17	11/08/17 12:30PM
	Public Records/Surplus Lands; Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 806 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law			
	11/08/17 SENATE Filed			
HB 7003 (L: 7005)	Local Government Ethics Reform	Public Integrity & Ethics Committee	11/13/17	11/09/17 05:24PM
	Local Government Ethics Reform: Provides that contractual relationships held by business entities are deemed held by public officers or employees in certain situations; provides ethics training requirements; prohibits certain governing board members from voting in official capacity on specified matters; requires certain members of municipality governing body to file disclosure; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to local government authority to enact rule or ordinance requiring lobbyists to register with local government; provides for future repeal of provisions relating to registration & reporting for lobbying water management districts; requires Commission on Ethics to create Local Government Lobbyist Registration System; requires lobbyists to register with commission before lobbying specified governmental entities; provides responsibilities of Governor; provides civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018			
	11/09/17 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB PIE2)			

11/13/17 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
HB 7005 **Trust Funds/Creation/Local Government
Lobbyist Registration System Trust Fund** Public Integrity & Ethics Committee **11/13/17** 11/09/17 05:24PM

(L: 7003) Trust Funds/Creation/Local Government Lobbyist Registration System Trust Fund: Creates Local Government Lobbyist Registration Trust Fund within Commission on Ethics; provides for purpose of trust fund & sources of funds; provides for future legislative review & termination or re-creation of trust fund. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 7003 or similar legislation takes effect

11/09/17 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB PIE3)

11/13/17 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading



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Florida 2017 Water Forum Report

September 21-22

Orlando, Florida

This annual event hosted by the Associated Industries of Florida draws together Florida's leadership in both the private and public sectors that are focused on water supply issues.

Participants this year included: Senator Rob Bradley R-Fleming Island and Marion County (now chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee); Senator Denise Grimsley R-Sebring (Senate Agriculture Chair and running for Agriculture Commissioner); Rep. Matt Caldwell R-Lehigh Acres (House Government Accountability Chair and running for Agriculture Commissioner); DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein; SJRWMD Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle, and SWFWMD Executive Director Brian Armstrong.

Both formal and informal policy discussions included a 2018 legislative preview, solutions for springs and estuaries, perspectives on water reuse policy, recent water project success stories, and funding challenges.

The 2017 Water Forum precedes the formulation of the Authority's draft 2018 Legislative Issues matrix, subject to the Board's approval.