



DATE: 03/02/2022

ISSUE: Approval of a professional services agreement from Sawgrass Consulting, LLC Proposal to provide design services for a proposed Fire Department Training Facility.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept professional services agreement from Sawgrass Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$72,185 to provide design services for a proposed Fire Department Training Facility. The design fee is approximately 6% of the estimated construction cost. CE&I services would be considered when plans are finished.

The breakdown of the scope to be performed by Sawgrass is as follows:

Topo/Survey	\$8,300
Conceptual Layout	\$2,800
Construction Plans	\$25,800
Drainage Calculations	\$3,800
Wetland Delineation & Permits	\$14,250
ADEM Permits	\$3,500
Geotech Testing	\$9,435
As-Builts	\$1,800
<u>Meetings/Communications/Revisions</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
Grand Total	\$72,185

BACKGROUND: The Gulf Shores Fire Department has need of a new fire training facility. The previous training facility that was located at the Gulf Shores Utilities treatment plant was recently demolished since it had exceeded its useful life. A firefighter training facility is a key element to the City maintaining its current ISO Class 1 Rating. An ISO Class 1 rating is rare and only held by the top 1% of all fire departments nationwide. It has been awarded to only 329 of the nation's roughly 45,000 fire departments. The training and preparation involved in receiving a Class 1 rating are rigorous.

The proposed location for the new facility is on City owned property at the west end of West 36th Ave. This location is ideal as it is centrally located to the various fire stations and is bounded to the north by Aventura, south by the City, west by Baldwin County and east by Magnolia Bay Apartments and the Lake PUD. There is a future connector road planned along the east property line between West 36th Ave and Waterway West.

The proposed elements to be included in the design proposal are:

1. Combat Training Tower
2. Confined Space Training Building
3. Trench Rescue Apparatus
4. Covered pavilion for outdoor classroom



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PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: There is currently \$720,000 in funding for the Fire Training Facility in Account #42-879-80911, Land & Improvements. It is anticipated that 100% of the design and approximately 50% of the construction of the facility would be completed in 2022. The remaining monies would be budgeted in FY 2023.

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS:

- Sawgrass Proposal
- Vicinity Map
- Fire Training Facility Sample Photos

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department, Engineering

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