

Memorandum



Date: January 29, 2014

To: Lester Sola, Director
Internal Services Department

From: Miriam Singer, CPPC Assistant Director
Internal Services Department

Subject: Request for Waiver of Competition and Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract:
Lightning Prediction and Warning Systems

Approval of the contract award, which is within your delegated signature authority, is requested. The awarded vendor, contract amount and term are set forth below. Please refer to the attached Market Research document and Agreement which provide more information regarding this award.

The Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Department has Thor Guard, Inc. (Thor) lightning prediction and warning systems installed at 27 County parks. These systems provide advanced warning of potential lightning strikes, and allow park patrons to be evacuated timely, preventing a potential life-threatening situation. PROS is requesting a waiver of the formal competitive bidding process and award of a sole source contract to Thor. Thor is the manufacturer of these warning systems which operate through the use of patented technology, and is the only authorized provider for the equipment and parts required for the maintenance and repair of the systems.

The requested \$250,000 allocation includes the cost for the maintenance and repair of the current systems. The allocation also allows for the purchase of equipment at new locations, or replacement of current equipment, when required.

Contract Number: SS86889-0/19

Contract Title: Lightning Prediction and Warning Systems

Contract Amount, Term and Cumulative Value: \$250,000 for five years

Prior Contract, Term and Cumulative Value: BW86889-4/13; \$1,456,758 for five years and 6 months. This allocation included the cost of purchasing the systems.

UAP: Yes

Contract Measures: N/A – Sole Source

User Department/Allocation/Funding Source:

Department	Allocation	Funding Source
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	\$ 250,000	General Fund
Total	\$ 250,000	

Awarded Vendor:

Awardee	Address
Thor Guard, Inc.	1193 Sawgrass Corp. Parkway Sunrise, FL

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Procurement Officer: Ingrid Bernal



Lester Sola on behalf of Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez
Approved

2/11/14
Date