

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Resource Management Committee

THROUGH: Brett Cyphers, Executive Director
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FROM: Angela Chelette, Hydrogeologist IV, Bureau of Water Resource Evaluation

DATE: March 3, 2017

SUBJECT: *Supplement – Resource Management Committee Item 3, Page 5*
Consideration of ITB 17B-008 for Well Construction and Aquifer
Performance Testing of the Claiborne Aquifer, Jackson County

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board award a contract to Huss Drilling Inc., for well construction and aquifer performance testing of the Claiborne Aquifer, Jackson County and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement to conduct the work.

Background

On February 1, 2017, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) 17B-008 for construction and aquifer performance testing to assess the feasibility of the Claiborne aquifer as a water supply source in northern Jackson County. On February 13, 2017, the District conducted a mandatory pre-bid meeting which four water well contractor representatives attended.

On March 2, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, the District received one sealed bid in response to this Invitation to Bid. The bid received is shown below.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Huss Drilling, Inc.	\$ 338,490

Based on recent well construction bids, staff estimated the potential bid amounts for this ITB to be between \$393,000 and \$547,000. The submitted total bid compares favorably to those estimates and represents a significant cost benefit to the District. Huss Drilling, Inc. meets the prerequisites specified in the invitation to bid and is qualified to perform the work described. The cost for this well construction and testing is included in the adopted FY 2016-2017 budget and is funded by a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration grant.