

**GORDON COUNTY, GEORGIA
MEMORANDUM**

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Martin Vaughn – Purchasing Director
Subject: Debris Removal and Disaster Services
Date: June 29, 2012

County staff solicited for and received sealed written proposals for Debris Removal and Disaster Services for Gordon County. The purpose of this proposal is to contract with vendors to provide disaster assistance and debris removal in the event the county is struck with a natural or man-made disaster. Proposal documents were prepared and distributed to area vendors, posted on the county's web site, advertised using a procurement web site, and an Invitation for Proposal announcement was published in the Calhoun Times on May 23 and 30, 2012. The deadline to submit the sealed proposals was 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. County staff opened the proposals received at that time in a public bid opening.

The Emergency Management Department requested we seek potential vendors to help with disaster clean up in the event there is a need. FEMA recommends that counties, states, and municipalities enter into a pre-event contract for disaster help. We requested various services (see Attachment A). In the event we were to have a disaster similar to the storms in 2002, the county would be prepared to quickly enlist disaster relief companies to help with the clean up. By securing a pre-event contract it would also allow the county to secure a greater percentage reimbursement from FEMA. The disaster relief companies will also assist the county in preparing documentation and filing with FEMA, if a disaster event occurs. By entering into agreements with disaster relief companies the County can lock in prices for two years and gives a starting point to negotiate debris removal charges at the end of the two year contract period.

Below were the proposers:

Proposer
Byrd Brothers Emergency Services (Wilson, NC)
Santee Modular Homes (Santee, SC)
Southern Disaster Recovery (Greer, SC)
TAG Grinding Services (Dadeville, AL)
Phillips and Jordan (Atlanta, GA)
T.F.R. Enterprises Disaster Response (Leander, TX)
Ceres Environmental (Sarasota, FL)
Cahaba Disaster Recovery (Mobile, AL)
DTS, Inc. (Taylors, SC)
Crowder Gulf (Theodore, AL)

County staff has checked references and evaluated the submitted proposals and has determined Southern Disaster Recovery and Cahaba Disaster Recovery are the most responsive vendors.

County staff determined that it would be in the best interest of the County to have multiple vendors in the event a disaster occurs. If the disaster is wide spread, we believe having more than one vendor would give us a greater chance of receiving the needed help.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board enter into written contracts with Southern Disaster Recovery and Cahaba Disaster Recovery. Entering into contracts with these two vendors will not cost the county anything unless we call on one or more of the vendors for assistance. This contract is to place the vendors on call in the event of an emergency and to lock in prices.

Attachment 1): Services to be Performed During Debris Removal

Attachment A

Services to be Performed During Debris Removal

Rights-of-Way Vegetative Collection
Private Property Vegetative Collection
Public Right of Way Construction and Demolition Collection Cutting
Partially Uprooted or Split Trees Collection
Demolition Collection
Hazardous Stump Removal and Collection
Stump Removal and Collection
Backfill
Reduction of vegetative debris via burning at debris management site(s) or other designated location.
Reduction of vegetative debris via grinding at debris management site(s) or other designated location.
Reduction of C&D debris at debris management site(s) or other designated location.
Sand Collection (Public Property) and Screening
Sand Collection (Private Property) and Screening
Haul-out of reduced vegetative debris
Haul C&D debris to final disposal site
Marine Debris Removal
Bank Restoration
Removal of storm-damaged vehicles and vessels from post-disaster environments including towing and aggregation.
Hazardous Waste Removal and Bio-hazards
Recovery and Handling of "White Goods" Units