NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION

DATE: March 31, 2021

TO: All Respondents

FROM: Diana Bankhardt, Real Estate Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: Notice of Intended Decision

As a result of the Invitation to Submit Offers (ITO) LRS #2116 for an apiary lease in the District's Southern Region, staff will recommend to the Executive Director on approximately, April 14, 2021 that the award be made as follows:

Recommend approval of Award of Invitation to Submit Offer (ITO), LRS #2116, and Award of Lease, to the highest responsible and responsive respondent, Smith Family Honey Company, LLC for lease of 3 apiary sites in the District's Southern Region for apiary activities.

Attached please find the ITO Tabulation (Attachment 1) and a document entitled, "Notice of Rights" (Attachment 2), which describes certain rights you may have regarding the awarding of this Invitation to Submit Offer. You should pay close attention to the time limitations specified in the Notice of Rights.

If you have any questions or comments based on the above recommendation, please call me at (386) 329-4557.

Enclosures

Attachment 1 – Tabulation

Attachment 2 – Notice of Rights

ATTACHMENT 1 – ITO TABULATION

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESPONDENT TAB SHEET

POTENTIAL APIARY LEASE – SOUTHERN REGION

NUMBER: LRS #2116 **DATE:** March 26, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 PM

| RESPONDENT | FEE AMOUNT PER SITE | NUMBER OF SITES | TOTAL ANNUAL FEE AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Smith Family Honey Company, LLC | \$501 | 3 | \$1,503.00 |
| Sweet Wings Honey Bee Farm, LLC | \$405.00 | 3 | \$1,215.00 |
| Jester Bee Company | \$375.00 | 3 | \$1,125.00 |

ATTACHMENT 2 - NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code, any person adversely affected by a District decision or intended decision to award a contract, or to reject all bids, proposals, or qualifications, must file a Notice of Protest within 72 hours after receipt of the decision or intended decision. Pursuant to §287.042(2)(c), Fla. Stat., any person who files an action protesting the decision or intended decision must post with the District Clerk at the time of filing the formal written protest a bond, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the St. Johns River Water Management District in an amount equal to one percent of the District's estimated contract amount.

Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.004, Fla. Admin. Code, the protester must also file with the District Clerk a Formal Written Protest within ten days after the date the Notice of Protest is filed with the District. The Formal Written Protest must state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.

No additional time will be added for mailing. All filings must comply with Rule 28-106.104, Fla. Admin. Code, and must be addressed to and received by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida within the prescribed time periods. The District will not accept as filed any electronically transmitted facsimile pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest or other documents. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond will constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Fla. Stat. Mediation under §120.573, Fla. Stat., is not available.