



DEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Ruth Anne Hall
Purchasing Agent

Date: February 13, 2019

FR: Rodney Worden
Director

RE: **Sole Source for JWC Environmental**

Lake County owns and operates the Des Plaines River wastewater reclamation facility and the NEC Pumping Station. Collectively there are five Muffin Monsters at various Public Works facilities and JWC Environmental is the manufacturer. The muffin monsters are used on a daily basis for the grinding/breaking down of large objects that enters the treatment facility. The removal of the large objects from the waste stream is critical because this prevents damage to the pumps in operation. In addition, the life of the pump is extended, and this process helps to insure the successful treatment of wastewater.

The Des Plaines River WRF has two muffin monsters and the NEC pumping station has one. One of the muffin monsters at the Des Plaines River plant and the unit at the NEC pumping station are damaged. A new muffin monster is required for the Des Plaines River plant and repairs can be made to the unit at the NEC pumping station. A requisition for \$88,000 was prepared. JWC Environmental is the only known vendor that provides spare parts/replacement for the muffin monsters operated at these facilities.

As JWC Environmental is the sole source provider of parts and supplies for the Muffin Monsters, it is our recommendation that this contract be awarded to JWC Environmental in the amount of \$88,000.

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Rodney Worden

PW Director