

WESTERN WAKE PARTNERS

Report to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC11-08)

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To: Policy Advisory Committee
From: Lead Agency
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Subject: Consideration of Construction Bidding Schedule

Background:

Contract 1 - Liquid Treatment for the Western Wake Regional Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) has an anticipated thirty-six month construction duration and is expected to be the critical path for the overall Western Wake facilities to be operational. This project is currently in the permitting phase, and a construction contract cannot be awarded until after the State Construction Grants and Loans office has issued an Authorization-to-Construct (ATC) for the project. However the bid process, which will take approximately four months, could be initiated before the ATC has been issued. Bids would not be opened until the ATC had been issued, but having the bid process run concurrently with permitting could save several months on the overall project schedule. If the issuance of the ATC were to be delayed, the bid period could be extended as needed.

Summary:

Contract 1 - WRF Liquid Treatment has an anticipated thirty-six month construction duration and is expected to be the critical path for the overall Western Wake facilities to be operational. If the bid process were initiated prior to the State's issuing an ATC, the overall project schedule could be shortened by several months.

Requested Action:

Approve advertising Contract 1 - WRF Liquid Treatment for bids prior to issuance of the Authorization-to-Construct from Construction Grants and Loans should it appear to be beneficial to the overall project schedule.