

BOCA CHICA NAVAL AIR STATION ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

The US Navy at Boca Chica Naval Air Station acquired emergency approvals from State and federal regulatory agencies to clear a large area of mangroves at the west end of one of the major runways to provide a safety zone for flight activities. The Air Station contains the largest area of remaining critical habitat for the federally-listed endangered Lower Keys Marsh Rabbit, *Sylvilagus palustris hefneri*. Some of the area to be cleared contained this critical habitat.

The construction firm selected for this work retained SWC (Sandra Walters Consultants, Inc.) to provide onsite inspections, staff training and monitoring to assure that the clearing work did not have a harmful effect on the Marsh Rabbit. SWC staff mapped—using GPS (Geographic Positioning Systems) and GIS (Geographic Information Systems)—the preferred habitat areas within the area to be cleared, conducted pre-work training sessions with staff of the construction firm to assure all personnel were fully familiar with the rabbit and signs indicating presence of individuals, and made regular visits to the site during clearing activities to assure that no damage to rabbits occurred.

The construction firm gave SWC a 100% rating on performance of assigned tasks for this project.



Lower Keys Marsh Rabbit



Boca Chica
Naval Air Station

PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (PPQ)

NAVAC Southeast, Jacksonville, FL is considering the Offeror or Lead Design Firm listed below. Your comments would be appreciated regarding this firm's past performance. The intent of this form is to evaluate design/build or construction projects. Your comments are considered Source Selection Sensitive; therefore you are advised that the Federal Acquisition Regulation (15.506) prohibits the release of the names of individuals providing reference information about an Offeror's past performance. The solicitation requires the Past Performance Questionnaire (PPQ) be emailed or faxed to Gloria Colon, Contracting Officer, NAVFAC Southeast at email address gloria.colon@navy.mil or Facsimile Number (904) 542-6104. In order to maintain the integrity of the source selection process, it is respectfully requested that you do not divulge the name of the Offeror or Lead Design Firm(s), nor discuss your comments on this questionnaire with any other individuals.

Past Performance Information:

Name and Address of Offeror/Lead Design Firm being evaluated:
 SWC (Sandra Walters Consultants, Inc.), 6410 Fifth Street, Suite 3, Key West, FL 33040
 working as subcontractor to Renewable Forestry Services, Inc.

Contract Number/Delivery or Task Order Number, Title, & Location:
 Boca Chica Naval Air Station Airfield Clear Zone Vegetation Removal, 2005

Evaluator: (The following information will assist in the analysis of the data. Information will be kept confidential)

Name of Evaluator: David M. Ellis, President of Renewable Resources

Address: 265 Dean Rd., Barnesville, GA 30204

Phone Number: 770-584-2248

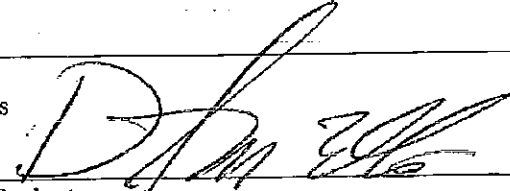
Position held or function in relation to project: Our company performed the clearing SWC inspected to ensure that we did not harm the Lower Keys Marsh Rabbit or its habitat.

Rating: Please evaluate the past performance using only the following ratings without variation. **DO NOT RATE ON A "+" OR "-" SCALE.** If a "+" or "-" is used, the rating without the "+" or "-" will be applied. If the rating is Marginal or Unacceptable, please provide additional information in the appropriate block or in the remarks section of this form.

"O"	Outstanding	Performance greatly exceeded the contract requirements.
"A"	Above Average	Performance exceeded the contract requirements.
"S"	Satisfactory	Performance met the contract requirements.
"M"	Marginal	Performance met the minimum contract requirements but some material aspects of the contractor's performance were less than satisfactory.
"U"	Unacceptable	Performance was poor and/or did not satisfy contract requirements.

Please rate and provide any supporting information/comments for the following:

<p>1. The relationship between the Offeror/Lead Design Firm and client's/customer's contract team? O - Very smooth.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>2. The Offeror/Lead Design Firm management and coordination of subcontractors/consultants. O - Very smooth.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>3. Overall corporate management, integrity, reasonableness and cooperative conduct: O, Honest hours billed, never seemed out of line, very conservative.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>4. Quality of work: O - Clearly understood objective, helpful:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>5. Quality control: O - Had what they needed mapping was on target:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>6. Ability to meet the performance schedule: O - 100% on time.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>7. Ability/actions to improve schedule problems, if applicable: O - N/A never a problem.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>8. Ability to control costs and provide the required work at a reasonable total price: O - Came only when needed never tried to push for work or extra or wasted time. Very honest.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>9. Compliance with labor standards, as applicable: O - Employee's all seem happy.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>10. Compliance with safety standards and/or number of safety related incidents, code compliance, as applicable: O.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U</p>
<p>11. Have any cure notices, show cause letters, letter of reprimand, suspension of payment, or termination been issued? If yes, please explain: No - None.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>

12. Would you award another contact to the party being evaluated? If no, please explain. Yes.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes No
13. Was the customer satisfied with the end product? If no, please explain. Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes No
14. Has the firm being evaluated been provided an opportunity to discuss or respond to any negative comments or performance ratings? If so, what were the results? No not needed.	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
15. Additional Remarks: We use H2B workers who are trained to work in dangerous and sensitive situations. Communication is always a concern on such sites and here with the amount of chainsaws running, chippers and dump trucks working along side a live runway one's nerves can be tested. Sandy's team always had on clear and correct safety gear and stayed clear of crew with equipment that could be dangerous. Fully respectful of all races and gender. Clear people to work with.	
16. Overall rating for this firm: Outstanding – presented no troubles, good work professional and no “yellow biology,” stayed on the science and the objectives.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> O A S M U
David M. Ellis  Signature of Evaluator 5/23/08	

PLEASE NOTE: Contractors may be advised of adverse remarks and given the opportunity to respond in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements.