1. **Project Title**: Okeechobee County Spot in the Sun Stormwater Improvements

2. **Senate Sponsor**: Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Request**: 11/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**
   For contractual engineering design services of stormwater utility infrastructure improvements within the Spot in the Sun community that includes required legal services to obtain the necessary easements from property owners. Tasks include preliminary engineering, surveying, permitting, the preparation of appraisals, attorney’s fees, recording fees, court costs and directives of the Court to grant stormwater utility easements on private property. Improvements prevent flooding, allows for safe transportation and ensures the continued health, safety & welfare for the citizenry. The acquisition of critical stormwater utility easements & final design will allow the project to be constructed in this Rural Area of Opportunity. Addresses the permitting agencies water quality/quantity requirements & improved flows.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**: Department of Environmental Protection

6. **State Agency contacted?** ○ Yes ☐ No

7. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ○ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ○ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

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11. **Program Performance**

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

   Goal is to resolve stormwater utility easement acquisitions & prepare final design that meets permitting agencies requirements in order to move forward with construction to alleviate flooding & reduce pollutants. Project will allow for reduction of flooding, stormwater conveyance & inlet improvements to reduce the nutrients & volume of runoff entering County ditches and public lands.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

   Contractual engineering design & legal stormwater utility easement services through the County's procurement and policies procedures. Design tasks include preliminary engineering, surveying, permitting with the Federal, State & County agencies. Legal stormwater utility easement services includes the preparation of appraisals, attorney’s fees, recording fees, court costs and directives of the Court to obtain stormwater utility easements on private property. The acquisition of critical stormwater utility easements & final design allows the project to be constructed.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

   Improved life, health & safety by reduced flooding, allows for safer transportation, improved flows of stormwater conveyance and reduction of nutrients entering County ditches and public lands.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

   Spot in the Sun residents & citizenry - 1,023 individuals to be served. Project is located in a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes).

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

   Expected benefit is stormwater utility easement acquisition & final design. Measure is a complete set of engineering drawings & appropriate Court required easement acquisition documentation & permits. Meets FDEP & SFWMD regulations addressing water quality/quantity treatment of stormwater conveyance. Employment maintained from project.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

   Implementation of corrective action plan, non payment of invoices until milestones achieved
12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

Okeechobee County is the owner and the entity.

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13. **Requestor Contact Information**
   
   a. First Name  Robbie  
   b. Organization  Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners  
   c. E-mail Address  rchartier@co.okeechobee.fl.us  
   d. Phone Number  (863)763-6441  Ext.  

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14. **Recipient Contact Information**
   
   a. Organization  Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners  
   b. Municipality and County  Okeechobee  
   c. Organization Type
      - For-profit Entity
      - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
      - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
      - Local Entity
      - University or College
      - Other (please specify)  
   d. First Name  Robbie  
   e. E-mail Address  rchartier@co.okeechobee.fl.us  
   f. Phone Number  (863)7636441  

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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**
   
   a. Name  Connie Vanassche  
   b. Firm Name  CAS Governmental Services LLC  
   c. E-mail Address  casgovser@gmail.com  
   d. Phone Number  (561)5120089  Ext.  
Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**
   - Waste Water Revolving Loan
   - Drinking Water Revolving Loan
   - Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
   - Other (please specify) [N/A]

17. **What is the population economic status?**
   - Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) [✓]
   - Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) [✓]
   - Rural Area of Economic Concern [✓]
   - Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes) [✓]
   - N/A

18. **What is the status of construction?**
    - Not ready

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**
    - 0%

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**
    - 12/31/2023

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*