



**Cooperative Agreement with
the Florida Department of
Environmental Protection for
Laboratory Analysis**

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Need for FDEP Laboratory Services

- To perform certain analyses which in-house laboratory does not have capabilities to complete, and it is more cost effective to use the FDEP for this work
- Ensures comparability of future data to previously reported results
- FDEP is unique in its ability to meet low level analytical requirements for pesticides/herbicides
- FDEP laboratory is part of our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and would supplement or temporarily replace services of the District laboratory in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency

Laboratory Analysis Agreement

- **3-year purchase order laboratory cooperative agreement**
 - Providing analytical support for existing permits and mandated monitoring projects
 - Total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000; \$230,000 budgeted in FY14, remainder subject to Governing Board approvals of FY15 – FY17 budgets



Staff Recommendation

Approve entering into a 3-year Purchase Order cooperative Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for laboratory analyses for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, of which \$230,000 in ad valorem funds are budgeted and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY15-17 budgets