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County awards \$18.5 million contract to expand landfill

The Sarasota County Commission today awarded the \$18.5 million contract for expansion of the Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex -- the county landfill -- to Glover Construction Co. Inc. of Pleasant Hill, N.C.

Opened in 1998, Phase 1 of the central county landfill site at 4000 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis, is expected to be filled late this year. The new 56-acre Phase 2 would provide service for the next eight to 10 years. Overall, the landfill is expected to serve the county's municipal solid waste disposal needs for the next 37 years.

Construction is expected to begin this spring, with completion in summer 2010.

Glover, the lowest of seven bidders, has promised to use several local subcontractors for work such as paving, hauling and surveying.

Originally, the county appropriated capital funds to construct only one-half of Phase 2. The second half was bid as an alternative to investigate possible cost savings by constructing the entire Phase 2. The bid for the entire Phase 2 project came in about \$5.5 million less than anticipated. To take advantage of the cost savings, county managers decided to propose a budget amendment to transfer \$7 million from operations to capital fund accounts to cover the entire Phase 2 construction.

The County Commission also approved the budget amendment at its meeting today.

For more information about the landfill, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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