

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT: WeatherSTEM Stations Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) - State of Florida
Division of Emergency Management and Sumter County Board of County
Commissioners (Staff Recommends Approval).**

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff Recommends Approval.

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting **DATE OF MEETING:** 1/24/2023

CONTRACT: N/A **Vendor/Entity:** Florida Division of
Emergency Management
Effective Date: 01/24/2023 **Termination Date:** 01/24/ 2033
Managing Division / Dept: **Emergency Management**

BUDGET IMPACT: None

FUNDING SOURCE: _____
Type: N/A **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) received funds to purchase and install WeatherSTEM weather stations in counties to provide real-time weather information where there were gaps in coverage. Sumter County emergency crews struggled to obtain local weather information after Hurricane Ian passed in September 2022, because there is no reliable weather station in the County. Sumter County BOCC desires to participate in FDEM's Mesonet WeatherSTEM Project, which will benefit the State and County emergency responders.

The MOA's terms are for ten years. FDEM will directly fund the purchase, installation, and maintenance of two WeatherSTEM weather stations for three years. Sumter County will maintain the weather stations for the following seven years using state and/or federal emergency management grant funds.

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