

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
PURCHASING DIVISION**

DATE: November 1, 2022

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Final Ranking of Firms and Authorization to Negotiate for RFQ 2022072 for CEI Services for 66th Avenue (69th Street to CR-510), IRC-1505B

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statute (Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act), a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services for IRC-1505B – 66th AVE From 69th St to CR-510/85th St.

RFQ RESULTS:

Advertising Date:	July 29, 2022
RFQ Opening Date:	August 31, 2022
DemandStar Broadcast to:	691 Subscribers
RFQ Documents Requested by:	17 Firms
Replies:	2 Firms

ANALYSIS:

Section 287.055(4)(a), Florida Statutes states requires the county to “conduct discussions with, and may require public presentations by, no fewer than three firms.” In an effort to comply with this requirement, the committee was provided statements of qualifications (SOQs) from two firms, submitted two years ago for the widening of 66th Avenue from 49th Street to 69th Street for consideration, as well. Both firms were sent notice that their SOQs were being reviewed, and asked to reach out to Purchasing if they had any questions. Neither firm responded or commented.

A selection committee comprised of ChloAnn Lawrence, FDOT Treasure Coast Operations Construction Manager, David Schryver, PSM, County Surveyor, James Ennis, PE, PMP, Assistant Public Works Director, Sean Lieske, Utilities Director, and Rich Szpyrka, PE, Public Works Director, independently evaluated and scored the received statements of qualifications in accordance with FS 287.055, the RFQ, and the Purchasing Manual. The committee then met and developed an initial ranking of firms, based on the individual rankings.

The committee determined discussions with the two directly submitting firms, plus the higher ranked non-submitting firm were appropriate. Invitations were sent on October 7, 2022. On October 19, 2022, K-Factor sent notice that it would not participate in the October 26th interviews, but that they would participate, if the interview was moved to November 16, 2022, to allow time to prepare.

The two responding firms were interviewed on October 26, 2022. Both firms were noted to be highly qualified, and nearly equitably suited to perform the work. The committee discussed the value of having the continuity between the two phases of the 66th Avenue widening project, which will be in progress concurrently. It was also noted Consor had thoroughly reviewed the draft construction plans and drawings, and identified in their presentation several items in need of correction or additional review, in order for the project to progress expeditiously and without unwarranted costs.

Staff proposes that the County has made its best effort to comply with the 287.055 F.S. requirement to hold discussions with three firms, and waiting to interview a third would delay the project, and, therefore, be contrary to the public’s best interest.

The final ranking established by the committee is:

Responding Firm	Location
1. CONSOR Engineers, LLC	Vero Beach
2. Carnahan, Proctor & Cross, Inc.	Vero Beach
3. K-Factor, Inc.	Delray Beach
4. Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson	Fort Pierce

Staff is prepared to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm, and subsequently ranked firms, if negotiations with the top ranked firm should fail, and bring the final agreement to the Board at the next available meeting.

FUNDING:

Funding for the CEI Services is available from Traffic Impact Fees – District 1 Roads – Construction in Progress – 66th Avenue/69th Street to 85th Street.

Description	Account Number	Available
Traffic Impact Fees/District 1 Roads/ Construction in Progress/66 th Ave – 69 th Street to 85 th Street	10215141-066510-16009	\$3,034,352.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the Committee’s final ranking and authorize negotiations with the top ranked firm, and subsequently ranked firms, if necessary, in accordance with FS 287.055.