

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

DATE: October 20, 2023

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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SUBJECT: Final Ranking of Firms and Authorization to Negotiate – RFQ 2023061 for Continuing Geotechnical Engineering Consulting Services

BACKGROUND:

The current professional continuing consulting geotechnical engineering services agreements expire on December 3, 2023. In accordance with section 287.055, Florida Statute (Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act), a request for qualifications (RFQ) was issued on July 19, 2023, to solicit statements of qualifications (SOQs) from professional geotechnical engineering firms interested in providing services under a new continuing agreement.

ANALYSIS:

Nearly six hundred firms were notified of the RFQ, and 8 firms submitted SOQs prior to the August 22, 2023 deadline.

A selection committee, comprised of Kirstin Leiendecker, Assistant Public Works Director, Mark Winslow, Project Manager, and Harrison Youngblood, Utilities Engineer, independently reviewed, scored, and ranked the received SOQs in accordance with FS 287.055, the RFQ, and the Purchasing Manual.

The committee met to reveal the individual committee member ranking, and establish an initial ranking of firms. The committee subsequently met to discuss the number of firms that should be awarded, based on the scores and rankings, and developed a short list of firms to be considered for award. Chapter 287.055, Florida Statute requires the County to hold discussions with a minimum of three firms. The committee identified four firms they wished to obtain more information from, and those firms participated in discussions via Zoom on October 6, 2023.

Scoring and ranking documents are available for review in the Purchasing Division.

Initial ranking of firms is shown below:

1	Andersen Andre Consulting Engineers*
2	Ardaman & Associates*
3	Terracon Consultants*
4	Tierra South Florida*
5	Professional Services Industries*
6	GFA International dba Universal Engineering Sciences*
7	Madrid Engineering Group dba Madrid CPWG
8	HighSpans Engineering

*indicates firms invited to participate in discussions with the committee

After the discussions were completed, the committee reviewed the short list ranking of firms. No changes to the rankings, or to the list of firms to be considered for award, were made. The initial ranking of firms was declared final. The committee recommended award to the top 6 ranked firms.

Staff is prepared to begin negotiations with the identified firms, and bring the final agreements to the Board at a future meeting.

FUNDING:

Funding for work orders under the agreements will vary, based on project and department.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the final ranking of firms, and authorize negotiations with the recommended firms, in accordance with FS 287.055.