

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

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**DATE:** April 2, 2019

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Ranking of Firms and Award of RFP 2019028 for Sebastian Harbor Preserve Boardwalk Design and Construction

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**BACKGROUND:**

On behalf of the Parks Division, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were solicited for final design and construction of four boardwalks across wetlands at the conservation area, located on the north side of Englar Drive, approximately 0.3 miles west of the intersection with Schumann Drive. The first boardwalk is approximately 94 feet in length, and traverses a wet prairie. The second boardwalk is approximately 123 feet in length, and traverses a freshwater marsh. The third boardwalk is approximately 74 feet in length, and traverses a freshwater marsh. The fourth boardwalk has two elements: a 48-foot long boardwalk traversing a connection between two freshwater marshes, and a small observation area that extends from the western edge of the boardwalk into a freshwater marsh. The boardwalks are accessible via unimproved trails extending from Englar Drive and Easy Street. The County has obtained a General Permit for construction traversing the wetland portions of all of the boardwalks from the St. John’s River Water Management District (WMD).

**RFP RESULTS:**

Advertising Date:	January 14, 2019
RFP Opening Date:	February 23, 2019
DemandStar Broadcast to:	590 Subscribers
RFP Documents Requested by:	36 Firms
Replies:	5 Firms

**ANALYSIS:**

A selection committee comprised of Beth Powell, Assistant Director – Parks and Conservation Resources, William Johnson, P.E., Roadway Production Manager, and Steven Hitt, Senior Environmental Planner independently evaluated and scored the received proposals in accordance with the Purchasing Manual. These scores were compiled by the committee and an overall initial ranking of firms developed. The two top ranked firms were invited to participate in interviews, and

subsequently to submit a best and final offer. At a subsequent committee meeting, the final ranking of firms was established:

	<b>Proposing Firm</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	Summerlin's Marine Construction	Fort Pierce
2.	Indian River Docks, LLC	Sebastian
3.	Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. (UESI)	Fort Pierce
4.	Don Facciobene, Inc. Bridge Division (DFI)	Palm Bay
5.	Boromei Construction	Okeechobee

**FUNDING:**

Project cost was anticipated to be \$250,000. The average total price proposal initially submitted by the five firms was \$200,809.65, and average of the two top ranked firms' price proposals was \$167,433.07. The two top ranked firms were asked to offer modified offers, minimizing the railing required (by extending boardwalk length), and optimizing the balustrade design to increase projected lifespan of the boardwalks. Both serve to reduce ongoing maintenance after construction, and minimization of railing is anticipated to also enhance the view from the boardwalks. Both firms subsequently submitted lower pricing for the boardwalks as requested.

The two top ranked firms were also invited to offer other design options, based on their discussions with the committee during interviews. Indian River Docks did not propose an alternate. Summerlin's submitted a design with an even further reduction in handrails.

Staff prefers the alternate proposed by Summerlin's at a proposed price of \$102,613.50.

On December 4, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved an update to the 5 Year Capital Improvements Program for the period of FY 2018/19-2022/2023. Within this plan, \$250,000 is identified in FY2018/19 under the Sebastian Harbor preserve FCT Grant Fund 145 for the Sebastian Harbor Preserve public use improvements. Account number 14514639-066390-18035 was established to fund the improvements to this site.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the committee's final ranking of firms and award the project to Summerlin's Marine Construction for \$102,613.50. Staff also recommends the Board approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute it after the County Attorney has approved it as to form and legal sufficiency and after receipt and approval of the required Public Construction Bond and insurance.

**Attachment:**

Sample Agreement

For April 16, 2019