# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to negotiate a contract with Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the provision of Design-Build Services for Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) Electrical Distribution Rehabilitation.

## **ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY**

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

## **BACKGROUND/EVALUATION**

Much of the electrical equipment at the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) was installed in 1989 and is obsolete and/or nearing the end of its useful life. The SWWRF Electrical Distribution System Rehabilitation (Project) consists of upgrading and replacing certain components of electrical equipment bringing the SWWRF to current standards making the electrical system safe, efficient, and reliable.

The solicitation was advertised on the Manatee County website and DemandStar. It was also provided to the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce and the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce for release to its members. Responses were received from the following firms:

1. Wharton-Smith, Inc., Tampa, FL

### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Sherri Meier, Procurement Division, non-voting Anthony Benitez, Project Engineer II

Denise Greer, Senior Project Engineer Chris Collins, Water Reclamation Facility Superintendent

### **EVALUATION SUMMARY:**

The Evaluation Committee first convened on September 23, 2020 and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposal received. On October 14, 2020, Evaluation Committee conducted interviews, and on October 15, 2020 convened for the final technical evaluation meeting.

The Procurement Division and Public Works Department request authorization to enter into negotiations with the following firm(s):

Wharton-Smith, Inc.