

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

RFP NO./TITLE	19-TA002958AJ, Exotic Vegetation Removal, Minor Excavation, Planting and Maintenance Services	DATE POSTED	TB MC <u>4/16/19</u> DS <u>4/16/19</u>	CC _____ BCC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Abby Jenkins	DEPARTMENT / DIVISION	Parks and Natural Resources	
AUTHORIZED BY	Chris Daley, Procurement Manager	SIGNATURE DATE		

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to negotiate a contract with Earth Balance Corporation, A+ Environmental, LLC., Rick Richard, Inc., Eco Tech Environmental, LLC., Cardno Inc. for the provision of Exotic Vegetation Removal, Minor Excavation, Planting and Maintenance Services .

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

The solicitation was advertised on January 11, 2019 requesting firms to provide all equipment, labor, materials, supplies, licensing, transportation, and other components necessary to accomplish the Initial Exotic Species Removal Treatment and Native Planting in the second and third quarters of 2019 and Habitat Establishment Period Adaptive Management (HEPAM 1-16) Events as scheduled.

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 of its members. Responses were received from the following firms:

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| 1. Earth Balance Corporation, North Port, FL | 5. Cardno Inc., Lone Tree, CO |
| 2. A+ Environmental, LLC, Arcadia, FL | 6. Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC., Arcadia, FL |
| 3. Rick Richard, Inc., Myakka City, FL | 7. Tampa Contracting Services, Inc., Palmetto, FL |
| 4. Eco Tech Environmental, LLC, Wauchula, FL | |

The following firms were deemed <non-responsive/non-responsible>:

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Abby Jenkins, Procurement Division, non-voting	Damon Moore, Env Program Mgr. Ecological Parks and Natural Resources
Kathleen Barrett, Sr. Environmental Specialist – Mining, Parks and Natural Resources	Michael Elswick, Resource Management Division Manager, Parks and Natural Resources
Carmine DeMilio, Parks & Grounds Operations Manager, ADA Compliance Coordinator, Property Management	Clint Rimer, PW Field Operations Chief, Public Works

EVALUATION SUMMARY:

The Evaluation Committee first convened on March 18, 2019 and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposals received. On April 8, 2019 the committee held it's final evaluation meeting to short list the firms to enter into negotiations. Attached is the ranking of each firm.

The Procurement Division and Parks and Natural Resources request authorization to enter into negotiations with the following firm (s):

Earth Balance North Port, FL
A+ Environmental, LLC., Arcadia, FL
Rick Richard, Inc., Myakka City, FL
Eco Tech Environmental, LLC, Wauchula, FL
Cardno Inc., Lone Tree, CO

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)	Scoring		
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