

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTENT TO AWARD

SOLICITATION NO./TITLE	19-TA002958AJ, Exotic Vegetation Removal, Minor Excavation, Planting and Maintenance Services	DATE POSTED	MC _____ DS _____	CC _____ BCC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Abbigail Jenkins	PROJECTED AWARD DATE	June 18, 2019	
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Parks and Natural Resources	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Theresa Webb, Procurement Official	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award 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:

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	

EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Abbigail 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. Proposals were evaluated and ranked based upon the criteria in the RFP. On April 8, 2019 the Committee held it's final evaluation meeting. The Committee's recommendations was to negotiate with the top five ranked firms and enter into agreements with those firms with which terms could be agreed upon. As a result of the negotiations, it is recommended to award to all five top ranked firms.

RECOMMENDATION

The Evaluation Committee unanimously recommends award to the following firm(s):

- Earth Balance
- A+ Environmental
- Rick Richard, Inc.
- Eco Tech Environmental
- LLC, Cardno Inc.

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)		NAME AND NUMBER OF FUNDING SOURCE	1060012800 Funding from various sources
COST	\$300,000 annually	FUNDS VERIFIED	