

# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTENT TO AWARD

<b>RFQ NO./TITLE</b>	24-TA005094SAM / Professional Geotechnical Engineering and Soils and Material Testing Services	<b>DATE POSTED</b>	MC _____ DS _____
<b>PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Sherri Meier	<b>PROJECTED AWARD DATE</b>	April 9, 2024
<b>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</b>	Public Works Department	<b>AUTHORIZED BY DATE</b>	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a contract with Ardaman & Associates, Inc., AREHNA Engineering, Inc., Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., Driggers Engineering Services, Inc., ECS Florida, LLC, GHD Services, Inc., MC Squared, LLC, Professional Service Industries, Inc., Terracon Consultants, Inc., Tierra South Florida, Inc. d/b/a TSFGEO, Tierra, Inc., Universal Engineering Sciences, LLC for the provision of Professional Geotechnical Engineering and Soils and Material Testing Services.

### ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

### BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

The work consists of, but no limited to, providing services on an as-required basis for geotechnical engineering and soils and materials testing services for various projects as required by the County.

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

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| 1. Ardaman & Associates, Inc., Sarasota, FL             | 7. MC Squared, LLC, Tampa, FL                          |
| 2. AREHNA Engineering, Inc., Tampa, FL                  | 8. Professional Service Industries, Inc., Tampa, FL    |
| 3. Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., Tampa, FL       | 9. Terracon Consultants, Inc., Sarasota, FL            |
| 4. Driggers Engineering, Services, Inc., Clearwater, FL | 10. Tierra, Inc., Tampa, FL                            |
| 5. ECS Florida, LLC, Tampa, FL                          | 11. Tierra South Florida, Inc. d/b/a TSFGEO, Tampa, FL |
| 6. GHD Services, Inc., Tampa, FL                        | 12. Universal Engineering Sciences, LLC, Sarasota, FL  |

The following firms were deemed non-responsive/non-responsible: None.

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Sherri Meier, Procurement Division, non-voting  
Simona Brinkman, Project Manager

Jim Shuler, Project Engineer II  
Sunny Fu, Senior Project Engineer

**EVALUATION SUMMARY:**

The Evaluation Committee first convened on January 24, 2024, and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposals received and determined that all twelve firms were shortlisted. On January 29, 2024, the committee chair sent follow-up questions to all twelve firms for the purpose of holding discussions. On February 5, 2024, the evaluation committee met for the final technical evaluations and requested authorization to enter into negotiations with the following firms:

1. Terracon Consultants, Inc.
2. Ardaman & Associates, Inc.
3. Tierra, Inc.
4. AREHNA Engineering, Inc.
5. Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.
6. Universal Engineering Services, LLC
7. MC Squared, LLC
8. Tierra South Florida, Inc. d/b/a TSFGeo
9. Professional Service Industries, Inc.
10. ECS Florida, LLC
11. GHD Services, Inc.
12. Driggers Engineering Services, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. Terracon Consultants, Inc.
2. Ardaman & Associates, Inc.
3. Tierra, Inc.
4. AREHNA Engineering, Inc.
5. Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.
6. Universal Engineering Services, LLC
7. MC Squared, LLC
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10. ECS Florida, LLC
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12. Driggers Engineering Services, Inc.

<b>ATTACHMENTS</b> <b>(List in order of attached)</b>	None	<b>COST</b>	
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