

# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTENT TO AWARD

<b>RFP / RFQ NO./TITLE</b>	23-R082639LP, Professional Engineering Services Fiber Network Loops Expansion	<b>DATE POSTED</b>	MC _____ DS _____
<b>PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Leslie Peer	<b>PROJECTED AWARD DATE</b>	May 28, 2024
<b>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</b>	Information Technology	<b>AUTHORIZED BY DATE</b>	Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP <small>Digitally signed by Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP Date: 2024.04.15 13:45:15 -04'00'</small> Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. for the provision of Professional Engineering Services Fiber Network Loops Expansion.

### ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

### BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

The County requested proposals from qualified firms to provide Professional Engineering Services to provide fiber network loop expansion in five (5) different areas around 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:

1. Metric Engineering, Inc., Miami, FL
2. Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., Raleigh NC
3. Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., Holmdel, NJ
4. Mastec North America, Inc., Coral Gables, FL
5. Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists and Land Surveyors, Mountainville, NY

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

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Leslie Peer Procurement Division, non-voting  
 Bill Kersey IT Technical Lead

Michael Sturm, Senior Project Engineer  
 Jon Wonderlich, IT Senior Specialist

**EVALUATION SUMMARY:**

The Evaluation Committee first convened on December 3, 2023, and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposals received. On Dec 12, 2023, the chair sent clarifying questions to the responsible / responsive firms

for the purpose of holding discussions with the short-listed firms. On January 3, 2024, the evaluation committee met for the final technical evaluations and requested authorization to enter negotiations with the following first ranked firm:

1. Metric Engineering, Inc.

The Procurement Division and Information Technology Division have been unable to negotiate a mutually satisfactory contract with the top ranked firm and on February 29, 2024, the evaluation committee requested authorizations to enter into negotiations with the second ranked firm:

1. Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.

<b>ATTACHMENTS</b> <b>(List in order of attached)</b>	None	<b>COST</b>	\$823,591.00
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