

# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## *INTENT TO AWARD*

<b>RFP NO./TITLE</b>	25-TA005816ED Exotic Vegetation Removal, Minor Excavation, Planting and Maintenance Services	<b>DATE POSTED</b>	MC _____	DS _____
<b>PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Emily Diaz Procurement Agent III	<b>PROJECTED AWARD DATE</b>	June 17, 2025	
<b>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</b>	Natural Resources 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 Earthbalance Corporation, EcoTech Environmental LLC, Rick Richards Inc., Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, and Stantec Consulting Services 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

Manatee County Government requested proposals from qualified firms for the provision of providing exotic vegetation removal, minor excavation, and native vegetation planting and maintenance services to maximize the quality and minimize the costs of these services and materials.

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. Earthbalance Corporation, North Port, FL       | 4. Rick Richards Inc., Myakka City, FL               |
| 2. EcoTech Environmental LLC, Bowling Green, FL   | 5. Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, Arcadia, FL |
| 3. Florida Aquatic Solutions Corp., Bradenton, FL | 6. Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Sarasota, FL    |

The following firms were deemed non-responsive/non-responsible: Florida Aquatic Solutions Corp.

#### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Emily Diaz, Procurement Division, non-voting	Molly Duvall, Sr. Land Management Coordinator
Cameron Jones, Environmental Program Manager	Joseph Sadbury, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor

#### **EVALUATION SUMMARY:**

The Evaluation Committee first convened on May 22, 2025 and conducted technical evaluations of the responsible, responsive, proposals received. At the start of the meeting, an Evaluation Committee member made a motion to award agreements to all responsible and responsive proposers. The Evaluation Committee unanimously approved the motion to proceed with awarding agreements to the following firms:

- 1. Earthbalance Corporation
- 2. EcoTech Environmental LLC
- 3. Rick Richards Inc.
- 4. Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC
- 5. Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

Earthbalance Corporation, EcoTech Environmental LLC, Rick Richards Inc., Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC, and Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>  (List in order of attached)	None	<b>COST</b>	Funds in accordance with Board of County Commissioners-approved department budget.
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